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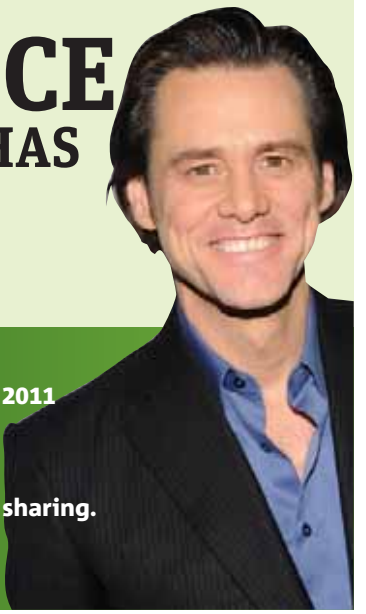

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No more free passes: Developers

TTC has collected more than $1M from builders buying Metropasses Then-councillor Rob Ford did not support policy when it was approved in late 2009

The development industry says it is gearing up to fight a controversial policy that requires builders to purchase a year's worth of Metropasses for new condo buyers.

Fed up with what they say is an unfair tax created to subsidize the TTC, builders say they pressed Rob Ford during the campaign to do away with the plan.

Stephen Dupuis, president of the Building Industry and Land Development Association, said builders are finding owners aren't using the passes.

To warrant buying the $111 pass — which comes to the builders at a slightly discounted rate — a person would need to use the TTC 45 times per month to break even. But the majority of condo owners drive cars and use transit only a few times a week, Dupuis said.

And while some may try to pass it off as a perk for new owners, the buyers will inevitably be on the hook for the additional funds, said Brian Johnston, president of Monarch's Canadian division.

"Any cost gets passed on to buyers. Politicians love to convince themselves it doesn't, but it does. Developers are trying to make a return on their investment," he said.

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"To me, it's just another tax. It's costing hundreds of thousands of dollars per building for builders."
STEPHEN UPTON, VICE-PRESIDENT, TRIDEL

City council approved the policy, which applies to all new buildings with 20 or more units along transit priority areas, in December 2009. Transit-friendly councillors such as Howard Moscoe — who has since retired — predicted it would "cause people on transit lines to abandon their cars."

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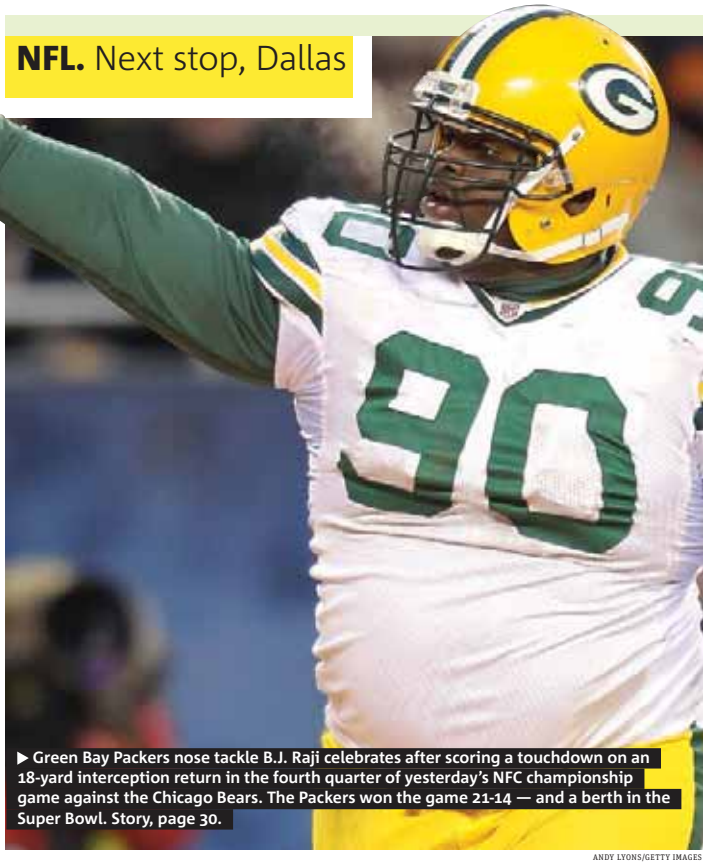

▶ Green Bay Packers nose tackle B.J. Raji celebrates after scoring a touchdown on an 18-yard interception return in the fourth quarter of yesterday's NFC championship game against the Chicago Bears. The Packers won the game 21-14 — and a berth in the Super Bowl. Story, page 30.

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Improbable TD sends Packers to SB

Austerity-addled Portugal votes

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Allegations. Jarvis Collegiate

▶ Enza Anderson poses for a portrait outside Jarvis Collegiate yesterday.

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Students terrorizing Gay Village?

According to Anderson, students from Jarvis Collegiate have been hurling slushies, shoes and homophobic slurs in the Gay Village. She is calling on the school to educate students about their community. Anderson has also taken to Facebook to generate support and yesterday posted the following: "I have a meeting date set for Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the 519 (Jarvis Collegiate) from 7 to 9 p.m., Room 107, working on finalizing details ..."

Pride lost out on funds despite passing test

Some 275,000 more people were projected to attend if the festival received a second year of federal funding in 2010, bringing total attendance close to 1.5 million people

Toronto's 2010 Pride Week festival passed the test for federal stimulus funding before it got passed over, The Canadian Press has learned.

Federal bureaucrats had declared the festival a good candidate for stimulus funding before Industry Minister Tony Clement ultimately announced the bid had been rejected.

Toronto Pride, the organization that runs the 10-day gay and lesbian festival, had been successful a year earlier in scoring a $400,000 grant under the Marquee Tourism Events Program (MTEP).

For 2010, organizers had asked for $630,000 to fund initiatives that would, for instance, bring in more high-profile performers.

A team of civil servants at Industry Canada studied their application, which included an independent economic impact study. The study concluded federal help in 2009 had increased visitor spending by $6 million, with 200,000 more tourists pouring into Toronto than the year before.

"The Tier Advisory Committee had reviewed the proposed project and the Committee is satisfied it meets the eligibility criteria and program objectives of the MTEP."

FROM INTERNAL PROJECT SUMMARY NOTES ON PRIDE WEEK

Industry Canada officials who reviewed event applications were satisfied that Toronto Pride Week, one of the three largest gay and lesbian events in the world, was a good bet for a second year in a row. The program sought applicants who would bring in more tourism and also attract international media attention.

The documents were obtained by The Canadian Press under Access-to-Information legislation.

Clement told reporters the decision had nothing to do with the nature of Pride Week, but rather about the limited number of events that were being approved per major Canadian city.

In Toronto last year, only arts festival Luminato and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair received funding. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Paul Martin

Teacher mistreated in Jamaican jail, says lawyer

CELLS. The lawyer for an Ajax teacher accused of slashing his wife's throat and leaving her for dead during their Jamaican vacation said his client is being mistreated by other inmates as he awaits trial.

A magistrate will be inspecting the local police station's holding cells tomorrow after Paul Martin's lawyer Ernest Smith complained about the conditions, Smith said.

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Mississauga Transit takes a different road than TTC

Fare increase and more weekend service on the horizon

Transit riders crossing Toronto's western border could be forgiven for believing they live in an alternate universe, and not just because Mississauga buses run far less frequently than the TTC.

While Toronto has just rejected a 10 cent TTC fare hike, Mississauga plans to impose one in April.

And as the TTC prepares to begin a series of public consultations today on cuts to weekend and evening service on 48 routes, Mississauga is proposing a modest increase to its weekend buses across the city.

It expects to recover only 12.7 per cent of the operating cost of the new service, estimated to be worth $1.2 million annually, through the fare box. Most of the cost would go to hiring nine new drivers.

Because the service expansion wouldn't kick in until September, it would cost only about $433,400 on this year's $132-million Mississauga Transit operating budget.

If it's approved, Mississauga Transit customers would see an additional 12,510 hours of bus service annually across the city, including boosted service to some popular community centres and shopping destinations.

The report recommends, however, that if three new Sunday buses don't achieve at least 20 boardings a day within six months of operation, they should be cut.

The city, which began its budget deliberations with an eight per cent tax increase on the table, had dropped that to about three per cent last week.

The transit system is really driving Mississauga's difficult budget process this year, with a proposed operating increase of about $11 million, said transit director Geoff Marinoff.

Mississauga Transit also wants to hire an extra 18 drivers and a human resources expert to deal with an employee absentee problem that is affecting the reliability of buses.

The system's 850 drivers take an average of 34 days a year in time off due to sickness or injury, said Marinoff. That's an increase of about 10 days over the past three or four years.

The absenteeism is covered by other drivers working overtime, but that's not enough any more, he said.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper announces last summer the start of construction of the Bus Rapid Transit system being developed in Mississauga.

Presto 'disaster'

Plain-spoken Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion has called the province's new Presto fare card system a "disaster" at her city's budget committee, in part because the TTC hasn't entirely bought in.

- Even when Presto is operational on buses citywide in April, Mississauga Transit will have to continue the cost of operating a parallel fare system, said transit director Geoff Marinoff.
- **Unlike the GO system,** where Presto users can top up their cards at stations, many Mississauga bus riders never go to a station and a significant number don't have access to bank cards that allow them to add dollar value online or on the phone.

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▶ Gail Agasi, CEO of the Open Window Bakery, was forced to close the 54-year-old business due to the recession and rising commodity prices.

Sweet memories linger as local bakery closes

Open Window Bakery, one of Toronto's oldest family-run bakeries, shuts doors 150 out of work

Marina Campbell-Matthews remembers the "Russian ladies" who handed out chocolate cookies and gingerbread men at the Open Window Bakery on Bathurst Street when she was a little girl in the early 1980s.

And she'll never forget the "warm, fresh, salt-bottom bagels that were best eaten plain."

The Open Window Bakery closed last Monday, throwing about 150 employees out of work.

Some employees worked for the company for 25 or 30 years.

The news hit the 34-year-old Toronto woman hard. "I'm really torn up about it," said Campbell-Matthews, now a mother herself.

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The number of independent grocers and supermarket chains across the GTA that carried the Open Window Bakery's various products.

The bakery was founded by entrepreneur Max Feig, a Holocaust survivor who came to Canada in 1953 with just $7. He opened the bakery in 1957 with two bakers and a truck driver. In 1992, his daughter, Gail Agasi, took the reins as chief operating officer.

But the recession, rising commodity prices and changing shopping habits conspired to bury the business last week, Agasi said.

"We fought very, very hard to keep our place. But we couldn't do it because we had lots of employees and resisted becoming very mechanized," she said. "We resisted that to keep the families going and working for us."

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POLICE INVESTIGATION

Stag party ends in homicide

Police identified a 27-year-old Toronto man as York Region's first homicide victim of the year.

Arash Elijah Bakhtaryani was found with gunshot wounds in the parking lot outside a stag party at the upscale Paradise Banquet and Convention Centre in Vaughan on Friday night.

He was taken from the banquet hall on Jane Street, just south of Highway 7, to hospital, where he succumbed to injuries.

The investigation continues and police have made no arrests in connection with the shooting.

Police are asking anyone who was at the banquet hall to call them at 1-866-287-5025 or 905-773-1221 ext. 7865 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Man found dead after altercation

A man was killed after an altercation in Oakville Saturday night.

Police and paramedics were called to Kerr Street and John Street around 11 p.m., where they found the man. He was transported to hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The homicide unit is investigating.

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Two local charities lose status

Founder refuted all allegations
In October 2010, office was raided by team of CRA auditors

Two different charities, one Toronto address. One charity, Operation Save Canada Teenagers, claims to help teenagers steer clear of drugs and gangs.

The other, Revival Time Ministries International, calls itself an evangelistic missionary that offers leadership training and community development programs.

But the Canada Revenue Agency says neither charity spent donations of more than $3.7 million on such charitable activities, and this month revoked their status.

In scathing audits, the CRA says the two charities falsified bank statements and did not give a complete record of donation receipts. The federal agency reported discrepancies in receipts made available to its investigators and said the charities dilly-dallied over repeated requests to provide records.

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▶ Pastor Daniel Mokwe

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Beat. It

▶ Sarah Cassis, member of The Music Studio, came out to help the Etobicoke Humane Society yesterday at The Assembly Hall.

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Buckets of fun for all

The Music Studio in Toronto ran a free bucket drumming workshop for people of all ages. Donations of cash, pet treats or toys were welcome. Everyone was sent home with a free set of drums sticks to practise, or drive their parents crazy.

Energy board ads tout new rules

The Ontario Energy Board is urging consumers to do their homework before signing up with an energy retailer.

An ad campaign slated to start today reminds consumers of a new set of rules meant to ensure they're treated fairly by electricity and natural gas retailers selling contracts door-to-door.

The rules took effect Jan. 1 and apply to contracts signed or renewed after that date. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Power shift

- The new rules also give people several opportunities to cancel long-term energy contracts without penalty, even after receiving their first bill.
- The changes stem from legislation introduced in 2009 to crack down on what the province called abusive and unfair practices by energy retailers.

Parkdale fire called 'suspicious'

Officials are investigating a suspicious two-alarm fire in Toronto's west end.

The blaze occurred yesterday morning in the 12th-floor hallway of a Parkdale apartment building.

Toronto fire Capt. Dave Eckerman called the blaze "suspicious in nature," particularly because it started in a hallway.

He said the fire marshal will determine if arson was at play.

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12th floor

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Volcanoes led to mass extinction, researchers say

Impact of eruptions was so severe it eliminated all 'higher life' over period of 200,000 years, and would take another five million years for those life forms to reappear: Expert

University researchers are suggesting that massive volcanic eruptions led to Earth's first environmental disaster — 190 million years before the demise of the dinosaur.

Up to 95 per cent of all marine species and 70 per cent of land vertebrates became extinct during this Permian-Triassic period. The Great Dying also caused the only known mass extinction of insects.

A University of Calgary team that worked in Canada's High Arctic believes it found evidence that volcanoes in Siberia burned through coal, which in turn produced ash clouds that damaged global oceans.

It's widely believed that dinosaurs met their end 65 million years ago when a meteorite hit the Earth, but the reason for the Permian extinction had been less clear.

"This could literally be the smoking gun," said Steve Grasby from the university's department of geoscience.

The volcanoes covered an area just less than the size of Europe. The ash plumes drifted to regions now in Canada's Arctic where the researchers found the coal-ash layers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Earth back then

- Steve Grasby said the Earth at the time was one big land mass and was similar to the planet we know today. Environments ranged from desert to lush forests and included primitive amphibians, reptiles and a group that would eventually include mammals.
- "Large eruptions can cause some global atmospheric effects, just like the Icelandic volcano shutting down air travel," he said. "But this was on a scale far beyond that. It was one of the largest in Earth's history."

Tunisia. Turmoil

▶ A protester scales a lamppost outside the Tunisian prime minister's office yesterday in Tunis, Tunisia.

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Scores rally in protest

Thousands of protesters from the countryside and the hamlet of Sidi Bouzid travelled through the night to descend on the prime minister's office, where they tore down razor-wire barricades and met no resistance from the police or army. Police in Tunisia cracked down yesterday on key allies of the ousted president, placing two high-ranking officials under house arrest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Did China's stealth tech come from U.S. fighter?

Chinese officials recently unveiled a new, high-tech stealth fighter that could pose a significant threat to U.S. air superiority — and some of its technology, it turns out, may well have come from the U.S. itself.

Balkan military officials and other experts have told The Associated Press that in all probability the Chinese gleaned some of their technological know-how from an American F-117 Nighthawk that was shot down over Serbia in 1999.

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J-20

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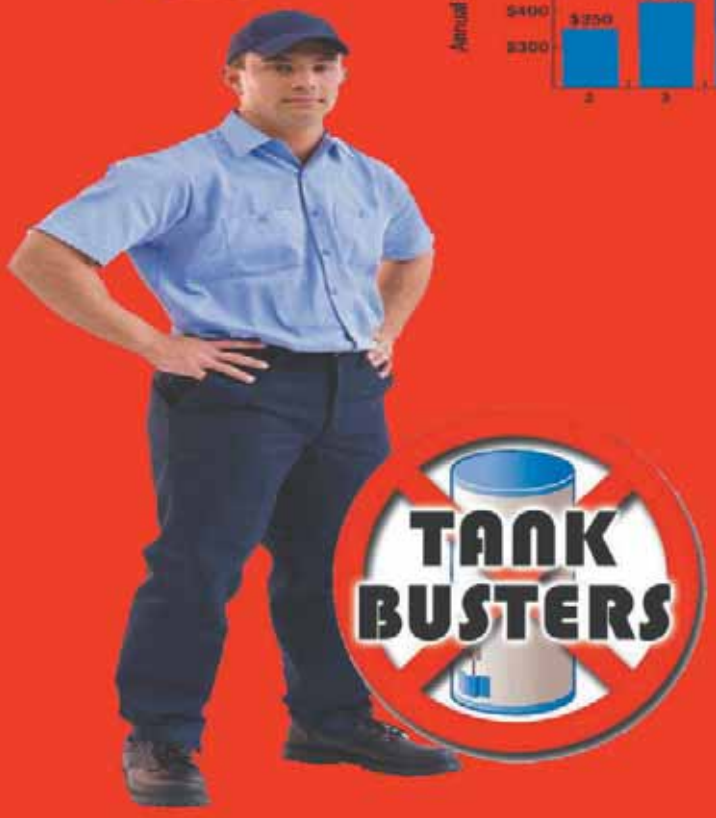

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▶ People displaying Turkish and Palestinian flags react yesterday as the Mavi Marmara ship returned to Istanbul, Turkey. The boat was the scene of bloodshed when a Gaza-bound aid flotilla was stormed by Israeli naval commandos in May 2010.

Israeli inquiry defends soldiers' actions on flotilla

Commission included 4 Israelis, a Nobel peace laureate and Canada's former chief military prosecutor

An Israeli inquiry commission defended the actions of the country's troops during last year's deadly raid on a Gaza-bound protest flotilla sailing from Turkey, finding in a report released yesterday the decision to intercept the protest flotilla in international waters and the soldiers' use of lethal force were legal.

While offering some criticism of the way the takeover was planned, the commission's conclusions exonerated the government, the military and individual soldiers.

The findings were unlikely to put to rest the international controversy over Israel's actions, which badly damaged its relations with Turkey and led to the formation of a UN investigation.

Turkey's prime minister dismissed the report hours after its release.

Israeli naval commandos killed nine activists aboard the Turkish protest ship Mavi Marmara on May 31 after passengers violently resisted the takeover of the vessel in international waters. The condemnation that followed the bloodshed forced Israel to ease the blockade on the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip.

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Broadcast yourself

Israel's Holocaust memorial has launched a version of its YouTube channel in Farsi to educate it's most bitter enemy — Iran — about the Nazi genocide of six million Jews.

▶ **Iran's president** has called the Holocaust a "myth" and said Israel should be "wiped off the map." It also hosted a conference questioning whether the Holocaust took place.

PAKISTAN

Family suspected of killing woman

Police say relatives of a young Pakistani woman are suspected of electrocuting her for marrying a man against their wishes.

Police official Afzal Lodhi said authorities arrested 21-year-old Saima Bibi's father and three of her uncles yesterday in a small village in eastern Pakistan.

He said police a day earlier recovered Bibi's body, which had burn marks indicating she had been electrocuted.

Lodhi said the woman eloped with another villager a month ago and got married. He said the woman's relatives lured her back by falsely promising they would agree to her marriage.

Lodhi said the woman's father denies relatives killed her and claims she took poison because she did not want to marry the man proposed by her family.

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Ontario man pleads guilty in trafficking

The U.S. Attorney's Office says Neal Laforme, a dual U.S.-Canadian citizen who lives in Ontario, pleaded guilty Friday in U.S. District Court to conspiring to smuggle an illegal immigrant into the country. In his plea, Laforme admitted he offered to pay $2,000 to bring a Vietnamese national into Vermont. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands rally in Belgium for political unity

Demonstration was called by a group of university students and the result of a Facebook campaign

Tens of thousands of protesters marched through the Belgian capital yesterday in support of national unity and to demand that the rival political groupings finally form a coalition after seven months without a government.

Organizers said the peaceful rally in downtown Brussels — the seat of the European Union — was also meant to promote solidarity among the country's Flemish and Walloon communities and to reject nationalism.

Police said between 20,000 and 30,000 people took part in the demonstration called by a group of university students who say they're fed up with the political deadlock.

"We're sending a clear message to the political leaders that we want them to form a government," said Felix De Clerck, one of the organizers.

"We are sick and tired of the enduring political impasse," said Thomas Decreus, another organizer. He said the protest showed "the people can act where politicians fail: i.e. working together across the language barrier" that slices Belgium in half.

The demonstration — the result of a Facebook campaign under the banner "Shame. No government, great country" — was the second of its kind in a little more than three years. On Nov. 18, 2007, around 35,000 people marched through the capital to vent their anger about a political deadlock that by then was preventing the formation of a government for 161 days.

Like in 2007, yesterday's protest led demonstrators — Francophones and Dutch-speakers — to a vast stone arch in the Cinquentenaire park. The arch marks Belgium's independence from the Netherlands in 1830.

Political parties representing Belgium's two communities have been unable to form a coalition since parliamentary elections last June — a record period of deadlock in post-war Europe.

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▶ People march with Belgian flags yesterday during a rally in Brussels.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Embracing the role of Internet

The U.S. State Department is tightening its embrace of Twitter and other social media as crises grip the Middle East and Haiti, with officials finding new voice, cheek and influence in the era of digital diplomacy. Even as it struggles to contain damage caused by WikiLeaks' release of classified internal documents, the State Department is reaching out across the Internet. It's bypassing traditional news outlets to connect directly and in real time with overseas audiences in the throes of unrest and upheaval.

American diplomacy isn't a newcomer to Facebook, YouTube, Flickr or Twitter, but it has stepped up online efforts as those networks play a growing role in events around the world.

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20 people freed from elevator

Emergency workers rescued some 20 people stuck in an elevator in a University of Ottawa residence early yesterday morning.

They called in paramedics after hearing that some of the people trapped in the elevator had collapsed. Three people were treated at the scene.

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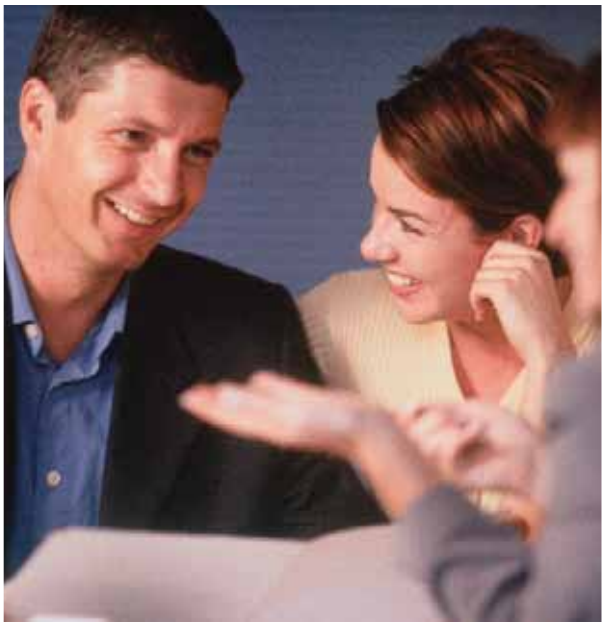

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Economic woes

Portugal expected to enter recession this year, IMF predicts

VOTER ANGER. The European Commission and the International Monetary Fund forecast Portugal will enter recession in 2011 for the second time in three years.

During the two-week campaign many comments on phone-in programs and news websites expressed voter anger at how politicians have managed the economy over the past decade.

Manuel Vasques, a retired engineer voting in Lisbon, said he blamed politicians for leading Portugal into crisis, "but Cavaco (Silva) is the least bad choice" because he understands international financial issues.

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Cutbacks led to strikes

BELT-TIGHTENING. The government's austerity measures prompted dozens of strikes last year, including a 24-hour general strike that shut down many public services. Public transport and mail services are due to be hit again in strikes next month.

Anibal Cavaco Silva has backed the government's belt-tightening program, saying it must be observed to the letter, and has said he doesn't want to worsen the country's plight by provoking conflicts with the ruling party.

However, he has already spoken out against government plans to jolt the economy through costly public works projects, including a high-speed rail link to neighbouring Spain, because he says the country can't afford them.

He has also indicated the government should have spared the less well off from tax hikes.

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PORTUGAL

Voters shun government candidate amid economic crisis Country's political fortunes vital for Europe Government collapse would fuel continent's debt

Portugal elected its conservative president to a second term yesterday, delivering a harsh political setback to the minority Socialist government that is struggling to contain an acute economic crisis.

Anibal Cavaco Silva, who is supported by the main opposition Social Democratic Party, collected 53 per cent of the vote compared with 20 per cent for second-placed Socialist Party candidate Manuel Alegre, official figures showed with 98 per cent of districts returning. Four other candidates picked up the remaining votes.

The government has enacted deeply unpopular austerity measures amid fears that the financial crisis spells economic disaster for Portugal.

The emphatic win for Cavaco Silva added to political pressure on the embattled centre-left government as Prime Minister Jose Socrates scrambles to restore international confidence in Portugal's ailing economy.

"Voters will take this opportunity to punish the ruling Socialist Party for the country's economic difficulties."

ANTONIO BARROSO, ANALYST WITH EURASIA GROUP IN NEW YORK, SPEAKING BEFORE YESTERDAY'S BALLOT

Many analysts predict Portugal's economic woes will sooner or later force it to accept a bailout like the ones provided to Greece and Ireland last year.

The government doesn't face a general election until 2013. Though the president can dissolve parliament and call an early election, such an extreme measure is uncommon. A key role of the head of state, which Cavaco Silva has said he will respect, is to ensure political stability.

Socrates pledged co-operation with the re-elected president to ensure political stability and rejected any link between the ballot result and his government's record as "misguided."

The government has insisted it doesn't need a bailout. Instead, it has cut public sector pay and welfare entitlements and hiked taxes to reduce a huge debt load that threatens to wreck the economy.

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▶ Portugal's President Anibal Cavaco Silva gestures next to his wife Maria after a speech Friday on his last campaign rally in downtown Lisbon. Silva was re-elected as president with 53 per cent of the vote.

Opposition parties pressure government to avoid bailout

Right-of-centre opposition parties have warned they may call for a vote of no-confidence in parliament if the government's policies fail and it resorts to a bailout.

However, Social Democrat Leader Pedro Passos Coelho said he did not intend to use the presidential election as a cue to trigger a political crisis.

Years of feeble growth have made Portugal one of the euro zone's weakest members and deepened Portuguese fears about their country's economic future. Unemployment has surged to more than 10 per cent over the past year.

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Disaffection with political leaders appeared to translate into a high abstention rate. The polls indicated that around half of the country's 9.6 million registered voters abstained.

The heavy defeat for his presidential candidate may persuade Prime Minister Jose Socrates to fire members of his government perceived as weak and replace them with new names in a bid to bolster public support. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Stephen Harper with Zhang Junsai, right, ambassador of the People's Republic of China, and Paul Calandra, MP for Markham, at a Chinese New Year gala last Friday.

Harper heads to Geneva

- PM to kick-start UN maternal health initiatives in developing countries
- Must ensure UN, G8 countries make good on $40 billion in commitments

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is embarking on the next step of his effort to aid Third World mothers and children this week at a one-day meeting in Switzerland.

The multibillion-dollar initiative, accepted by G8 leaders at last summer's summit in Muskoka, is getting down to the mundane details that too often make or break such high-profile, feel-good announcements.

The whirlwind trip will take Harper to Geneva and then Rabat, Morocco, before he returns to Canada late Thursday.

The United Nations Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health is first on Harper's agenda. He co-chairs the newly created commission with Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete.

The aim is to complete a common reporting mechanism by May for the combined G8 and UN millennium development summit's maternal health projects. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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While the Canadian dollar soars in value, counterfeiting is way down as newer bank notes are tough to replicate.

Many businesses won't accept those light-brown $100 bills, citing bad experiences with phoney cash in the past, and some still get taken by poor-quality fake bills since they don't stop to feel, tilt and look at what they've been handed.

"Our bank notes are excellent, but only as good as the person using them," said Manuel Parreira, senior regional rep of the Bank of Canada. "We fight counterfeiting quite well and the proof is in the decline we've seen over the years."

About 1.4 billion Canadian bank notes are in circulation.

"I can't recall getting any counterfeit money and we handle a fair amount of large bills with all the concert tickets we sell," said Greg Davis, owner of Soundscapes, a Toronto music shop on College Street.

"Canadian bills have a lot of security features. If you look close you know they're real," he added.

Holographs, metallic strips, raised ink, watermarks, see-through panels and thread on the Canadian Journey series first issued in 2004 make them hard to copy.

RCMP records show that in 1992 about $575,000 in bogus currency was circulated across Canada.

"In 2004, it peaked at $13 million, and in 2009 it went down to $3.4 million," said Sgt. John Mecher, the RCMP's counterfeit co-ordinator for the Ontario region.

Between 2003 and 2008 the RCMP's Integrated Counterfeit Enforcement Team (ICET) had four anti-counterfeit projects in the GTA, which saw the arrests of dozens of people and major organized gangs smashed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Google trying to get hip and nimble

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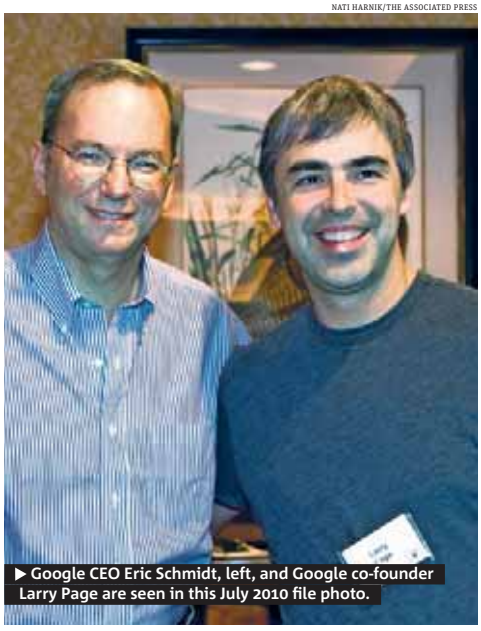

▶ Google CEO Eric Schmidt, left, and Google co-founder Larry Page are seen in this July 2010 file photo.

Company makes most of its money from ads triggered by search requests

Google is richer than ever, but it's not as cool as it once was.

Facebook boasts 500 million members who share 30 billion links, notes and photos each month — data that Google's search engine can't completely index. It's so influential that 26-year-old founder Mark Zuckerberg was just named Time's person of the year, and a movie about the company's early days is a contender for best picture at the Oscars.

Twitter, Groupon and Foursquare, all hard-charging and potentially game-changing services, are additional thorns in Google's side, raising worries that the online search leader may be losing the competitive edge that

"Facebook has become the cool kid on the block, and now Google wants to prove it can still be cool, too."

DANNY SULLIVAN, SEARCH ENGINE LAND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

turned it into the Internet's most powerful company.

Making Google hip and nimble again will be the priority as Larry Page, one of the two Stanford University students who founded the company in a garage in 1998, prepares to reclaim the CEO job in a shake-up that surprised Silicon Valley.

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Burning tires idea up in flames

A contentious proposal to burn used tires for fuel in western Newfoundland went up in smoke Friday as a pulp and paper mill withdrew its application for the pilot project.

The provincial Environment Department issued a statement saying Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd., had backed out of a proposed test burn, with the intent of burning used tires as an alternative energy source. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Eyes on major earnings report

Economic data and corporate profits will guide investors this week as Canadian companies begin reporting fourth-quarter earnings in earnest and the market sees the latest take on U.S. economic growth.

Earnings from the two major railroads — Canadian National Railways and Canadian Pacific Railway — are expected Wednesday and fertilizer giant Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan Thursday.

600B The feds announced plans in November to buy $600 billion of long-term government bonds by mid-2011 in an attempt to boost lending.

Amid growing demand for fertilizer, PotashCorp shares have surged from a low of just less than $90 last July.

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Recalls issued

Health Canada issued recalls Friday affecting strollers, pyjamas and snow bikes. The front of the Tech 4 Kids snow bike can potentially crack or break off. The polo pyjama recall involves a children's two-piece pyjama set that doesn't meet the design and flammability requirements set out in Canadian law. The stroller recall notice says the hinge mechanism poses a potential fingertip amputation when being folded.

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Julie Nicholson and Shaun Moore are pushing for a sort of Canadian slow furniture movement. In the age of disposable furniture — cheap and disposable finds that might last a couple of years — they're hoping their ware will last a lifetime.

Their Dundas West store and showroom, MADE, was an attempt to connect Canadian designers looking for an outlet with consumers hoping for local, quality furniture. This week, they're holding an exhibit as part of the Toronto International Design Festival called MADE at Home.

When they met a little more than a decade ago, the friends started going to local design shows and festivals. Nicholson had trained as an artist and printmaker and worked in gallery management. Moore had studied furniture making. In the festival circuit, they realized how much of Toronto's great creations didn't make it to market.

"You'd see designs pop up," Nicholson tells me, "but you'd never see them again."

When the two friends decided to launch their own projects, they realized they were in the same bind as the other artists. Thus came the idea for a store displaying their work and that of others, which they opened in 2006. These days, more than 50 artists are represented in the shop.

The items are funky — a lounge chair crafted from giant strips of industrial felt tied in a knot, benches made from recycled milk crates, and ceiling lamps shaded with old wine bottles. They're designed and made in Canada, with a few minor exceptions. And they're quite pricey.

"These are pieces that you hold onto," explains Nicholson. "Things that are built to last."

And each item has a back story. She knows the designers and the thought that goes into their designs. And customers are eager to find this out.

"Everyone's interested in the concept behind the objects," she says. "People are truly hungry for that."

One of her favourite pieces is a set of ceramic iceberg bookends. They're based on a painting by the Group of Seven's Lawren Harris. And they're glazed halfway to speak of the melting ice due to climate change.

The environmental message is important to Nicholson, and an important part of the store. Not only is the furniture built locally, and built to last, the small-batch producers she works with are not prone to throwing excess material away.

"They're so concerned about their overhead," she explains, "they're not going to waste anything!"

MADE at Home is an offsite exhibition of the Toronto International Design Festival. It runs from Jan. 26 to Feb. 12 at 867 Dundas St. W. from noon to 6 p.m.

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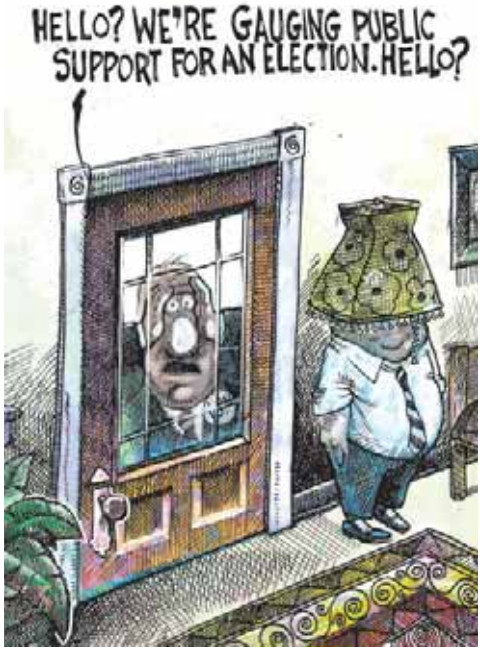
A look inside polygamy



Worth mentioning

The women of a secretive polygamous sect in southeastern British Columbia have been cast as slaves, shackled by their religion in a world of abuse.

But several women from Bountiful, B.C., will tell a different story when they testify in a Vancouver courtroom this week, insisting polygamy has been a positive force in their lives and asking that the law against multiple marriage be thrown out.

A B.C. Supreme Court judge examining the constitutionality of Canada's anti-polygamy law has spent nearly two months hearing experts debate about the alleged harms of polygamy.

Several women and men who left polygamous communities have also recounted what they described as physical and emotional abuse.

But this week's testimony will offer a rare glimpse inside Bountiful, a highly secretive community that resists outside scrutiny.

The British Columbia and federal governments are holding up the community as an example of why polygamy should remain illegal, but the women are expected to say the law — and not their marriages — is harming them and their families.

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Metro Minute with Mozart concerts

It's one of the idiosyncrasies of human nature that we tend to treat our artists posthumously with the reverence they deserved in life. Mozart may be one of the few exceptions; an indisputable genius, he enjoyed great acclaim before succumbing to one of the many diseases that plagued him during his brief tenure on Earth. And no, Salieri didn't poison him. Although, if they were around today there would be some hysterically shrieky hypothesizing going on in cable news, don't you think? Instead, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra celebrates the master's 255th year of hypothetical existence this week with a series of his concertos, arias, and symphonies. Head to tso.ca for tickets and showtimes.

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By Marc Charron - *Health and Lifestyle*

Back pain affects 80% of North Americans. It can also rob you of your happiness, where getting out of bed becomes a painful reminder of your bad back. While pills provide temporary relief, the condition can reoccur. The reason is because pills mask the symptoms and do not target the cause of the pain. Other treatments cost thousands of dollars or have substantial health risks. "That's why most people end up "living" with their bad back" - says Dr. Michael Ho.

Dr. Michael Ho is a doctor with over 20 years of clinical experience specializing in treating the cause of chronic back pain, including Scoliosis, Spinal Stenosis and Herniated / Bulging discs. His belief is to treat the cause of the problem so that patients get long term relief, earning him international recognition for his patient care and expertise.

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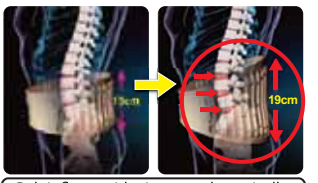

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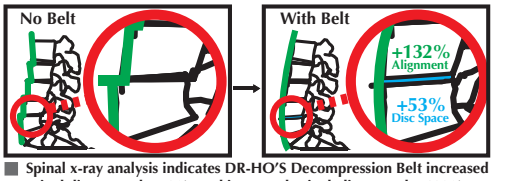

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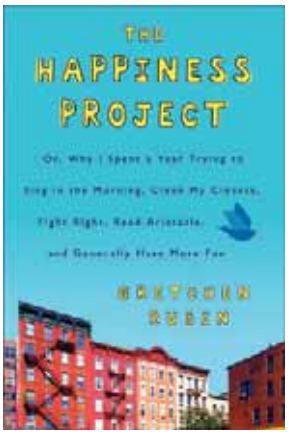

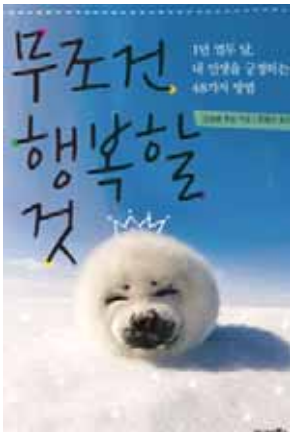

GO ON, GET HAPPY

▶ Gretchen Rubin author of The Happiness Project.

With The Happiness Project, Gretchen Rubin has started a revolution. A former lawyer, she wanted to be happier, so she devoted a year to testing strategies from sources as varied as Oprah and Plato. Here, she digests the best tips.

A few years ago, Gretchen Rubin, a lawyer-turned-writer in New York, was happy but thought she could be happier. Life was passing.

So the mother of two started a Happiness Project, reading self-help books (from Oprah to Thoreau) and crafting a year-long syllabus full of resolutions. She would clean her closets. She would be kinder to her husband.

She would start a children's lit club. She would get happy, dammit.

The result was success — and a runaway international bestseller.

Metro asked Rubin to walk through what she learned month-by-month.

"Jump in right where you are," she says. "There's no need to catch up. Start right now."

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JANUARY
THE THEME: Boost Energy, Vitality
THE TAKEAWAY: "The key thing here is that outer order contributes to inner calm. Consider clutter and organizing. It matters. A messy closet doesn't matter but it does. You get a disproportionate boost from it. You can self-medicate through cleaning closets."

FEBRUARY
THE THEME: Remember Love, Marriage
THE TAKEAWAY: "It's very tempting to think how happy you would be if other people behaved properly. But you can only change yourself. People ask me, 'Did your husband change' but if you change the relationship changes."

MARCH
THE THEME: Aim Higher, Work
THE TAKEAWAY: "For me, I started my blog. I one hundred per cent thought that novelty and challenge would not make me happier. I thought mastery and familiarity were the keys and I expected to abandon it. But I love it. The idea is to do something novel."

APRIL
THE THEME: Lighten Up, Parenthood
THE TAKEAWAY: "I decided that if I acted the way I wanted to feel, I would feel more that way—so if I acted calm and lighthearted, I would be that, and my kids would be the same. Remember: 'The days are long but the years are short.'"

MAY
THE THEME: Be serious about play, Leisure
THE TAKEAWAY: "If you want to have fun, you have to schedule it like a dentist appointment. It can't always be spontaneous. It seems paradoxical to schedule your spontaneous time but that's the reality. If you never find time, you won't!"

JUNE
THE THEME: Make Time for Friends, Friendship
THE TAKEAWAY: "Facebook, Twitter, I'm a big believer in the power of technology. I agree that nothing can replace face-to-face contact. ... Things like Facebook and e-mail have increased the people I can keep loose ties with. They add a lot to my life."

JULY
THE THEME: Buy Some Happiness, Money
THE TAKEAWAY: "I emphasize the role that money can play in a happy life. Used wisely, money can contribute very mightily. And the question for time and money are the same. Think about money in a way that contributes to happiness?"

AUGUST
THE THEME: Contemplate the Heavens, Eternity
THE TAKEAWAY: "Ugh, I tried to keep a gratitude notebook. I abandoned that. But imitating spiritual masters is a really good thing to try. Figure out who your spiritual master is. Then figure out how to apply the teachings in your own life."

SEPTEMBER
THE THEME: Pursue a Passion, Books
THE TAKEAWAY: "When I was writing, several people said, 'No one likes to read like you do, make it broad.' And I said, 'I need to write about me and it's so much about books and reading.' I find people totally get it even if their thing is cooking or music or nature."

OCTOBER
THE THEME: Pay Attention, Mindfulness
THE TAKEAWAY: "I failed here. Like, food diary: can't do it. I simply cannot make myself do it. I'm going to try again. I've tried twice and I always end up abandoning it. Maybe I'll abandon it with pride. There's got to be another way to be aware of what you eat."

NOVEMBER
THE THEME: Keep a Contented Heart, Attitude
THE TAKEAWAY: "I just love that Samuel Pepys quote: '...if I have a heart to be contented." One of my new revelations is that—it sounds obvious but—happy people make people happy but you can't make someone be happy."

DECEMBER
THE THEME: Perfect Happiness
THE TAKEAWAY: "The book came out a little more than a year ago and I'm still doing almost all the resolutions plus many more, and I still write the blog and I'm still deep into happiness. My children's lit groups and the blogs ... that's just two things right there."

Join the project online

Gretchen Rubin continues her project online at happiness-project.com and invites you to join at happinessproject-toolbox.com.

Gretchen on TV

The Happiness Project is currently being turned into an NBC TV comedy starring Kristen Davis of Sex and the City. "It's not a done deal yet," says Rubin. "They're working away."

2 scene

Scene in brief

Oprah Winfrey has staged many a family reunion on her talk show. But on today's episode, she promises, the drama will be about her.

Winfrey told viewers Thursday that she will have a reunion of her own on the show. She wouldn't say with whom — only that it involves something she's learned about recently and is known to only a few people. "I thought I'd seen it all. But this, my friends, is the miracle of all miracles," Winfrey says in a promo for the show. "I was given some news that literally shook me to my core. This time, I'm the one being reunited," she said. "I was keeping a family secret for months, and on Monday you're going to hear it straight from me."

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Heirs of reggae icon Bob Marley win legal fight over use of his image in Nevada

No pain, no gain for Ben Foster

A hectic schedule and a bit of rough-and-tumble on set hasn't put actor Ben Foster off balance — as long as the doc is there to help!

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"My brain's broken today," Ben Foster warns, detailing the schedule that comes with shooting a movie, editing another and promoting one more simultaneously.

"I came from New Orleans yesterday, I was up at 3:30 in the morning, went to New York to go watch footage of a film I just produced, got on a plane three hours later, got here at 2 a.m. I don't know what we're talking about."

What we're talking about is the latest movie he stars in — The Mechanic, a stunt-laden action film that took the 30-year-old actor a bit out of his comfort zone.

In fact, one scene in particular — during which Foster fights hand-to-hand with an assassin more than twice his size — nearly did him in.

"It was wild," he says. "He throws me into a wall. They told him not to and he did it anyway. So I went into the wall and came down — because, you know, I'm of the (U.S. stunt and prank show) Jackass generation — and snapped my shoulder. I'm right-handed. So you hear something go 'snap' and you're like, 'Stupid, man.'"

When Foster found he could barely move his arm the next morning, a call was made to a doctor who works with the New Orleans Saints, who gave him an injection that made everything better — for a little while, at least.

"By the time the cameras are set up, I can't move again. I'm like, 'Oh, call the magic doctor. This is how drug habits start. Give me the drug.'" Foster jokes. "He comes in and he leans into me — really great guy — and he's like, 'You know, I work for the Saints, and they're a little bigger than you. But I've never given any of them this much. Good luck!'"

And then it was back to work.

"Pain is a great motivator," Foster insists. "At the end of the day, you can use pain as an energy. You know, it can be emotional, it can be physical. But as the military says, pain is weakness leaving the body, and you've just kind of got to ride it out."

Another great motivator can be working alongside a co-star like Jason Statham, for whom injury-courting stunt work is nothing new. "When he's comfortable, he's the funniest guy you've ever met. Just a wicked, self-effacing good bloke," Foster says."

And now, monster schedule continuing, Foster is back at work finishing up Rampart, his first movie as a producer, an experience he calls "really, really humbling. And thrilling." And he says working on the other side of a film shoot has opened his eyes.

The essentials

- Born Oct. 29, 1980 in Boston, the son of restaurant owners
- His career started in the television series Flash Forward (1996), he had a recurring role in HBO series Six Feet Under (2003-2005), he also acted in The Punisher (2004), Hostage (2005) and X-Men: The Last Stand (2006). He played a drug user in the crime thriller Alpha Dog (2006).
- Awards
  - 2003 Daytime Emmy, for Bang Bang You're Dead
  - 2004 Screen Actors Guild Awards, for Six Feet Under
  - 2006 Young Hollywood Awards, for Alpha Dog

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Ben Foster stars alongside Jason Statham in the upcoming stunt-laden action film The Mechanic.

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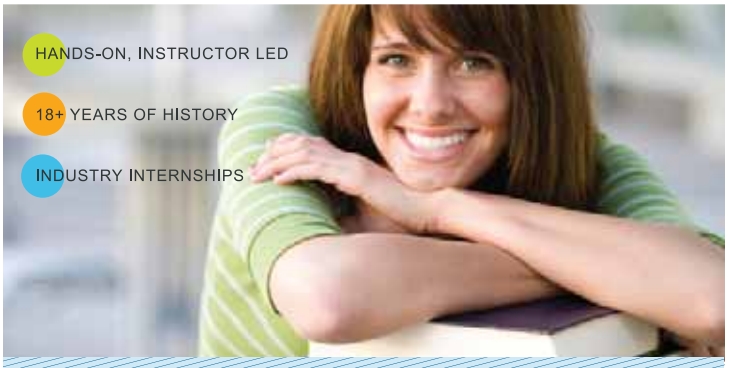

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Funny women back for a second round

Show's popularity among both male and female viewers a surprise, says star Wendie Malick Mary Tyler Moore guest stars in tonight's season premiere

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Hot In Cleveland star Wendie Malick had a feeling early on that the series would prove a hit. And it wasn't just the presence of octogenarian "It Girl" Betty White.

"We had an inkling early on because it had been so long since women who were pushing 50, 60, and even 90 had been portrayed with any depth," says Malick, who was in Toronto last week to promote the series.

"We knew there was a woman audience out there who'd tune in. But what knocked us out was the number of men who watched the show."

Not that success should be a complete surprise. Hot In Cleveland's cast is a who's who of successful sitcom women — featuring not only Malick (Dream On, Just Shoot Me) and White (The Mary Tyler Moore Show), but Valerie Bertinelli (One Day At a Time) and Jane Leeves (Frasier).

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▶ Wendie Malick stars in Hot in Cleveland.

While Malick is best known now for her comedy, it wasn't always that way. Starting out, the model-turned-actress was confined to dramatic roles.

"I was tall, dark and rather imposing. So I played a lot of judges, doctors, ex-wives and murderers. It wasn't until (1990's) Dream On that they finally put it together I could do comedy."

For Hot In Cleveland's second season premiere — airing tonight on CTV — Malick got the chance to learn at the feet of a true comedy master: Guest star Mary Tyler Moore.

"We were all in awe of this legend. And to see her with Betty again and to watch these two talented ladies work, it was something special."

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Lohan saga continues

The fallout from Lindsay Lohan's alleged scuffle with a rehab worker last month isn't going away, as word has leaked that the other woman, Dawn Holland, reportedly accepted a $25,000 US bribe to keep quiet about the incident, according to TMZ.

Lindsay's dad, Michael Lohan, isn't denying the story.

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Why wait? James, Von D set to marry

Though they just announced their engagement, Jesse James and Hollywood Ink star Kat Von D are reportedly set to tie the knot next month, according to Radar Online.

"Jesse and Kat don't see any reason why they should wait to trade vows," a source says. "They are madly in love with each other." METRO

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Carrey finds love again?

Canadian actor reportedly getting close to former Top Model contestant

Jim Carrey is reportedly spending quality time with 24-year-old model Anchal Joseph, who was a contestant on America's Next Top Model in 2006, according to Radar Online.

The two stepped out together recently, checking out Laura Linney's latest play, Time Stands Still, in New York.

"Carrey's assistant called the theatre to ensure security would be top-notch and no one was to approach him for pictures," a source says.

"They were very romantic and there was lots of hand-holding."

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▶ Jim Carrey

Regis retiring out of anger, says TMZ

Regis Philbin's announcement that he's retiring from daytime TV caught a lot of people off-guard, and it turns out the talk-show host may have made the decision out of anger, according to TMZ.

Sources tell the website that Philbin went ballistic after being told by executives that when his Live with Regis and Kelly contract expired, his salary would be greatly reduced because of the show's lagging ratings and Philbin's extensive vacation time. Philbin reportedly earns $18 million US to $20 million a year.

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Celebrity tweets

Today, Lindsay Lohan is a Kardashian fan, Samantha Ronson is rethinking the classics, MC Hammer is fighting insomnia, and Steve Martin is honouring himself.

Lindsay Lohan [@lindsaylohan] Can't wait for @KimKardashian and @KourtneyKardash Take NYC! My home town! Love you girls! xoxo

Samantha Ronson [@samantharonson] Is it just me or does "every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings" seem incredibly morbid?

MC Hammer [@MCHammer] Going to sleep now.. Have to think about Oprah ... and Pam Grier !!!

Steve Martin [@SteveMartinToGo] I have just been given The "Golden Fellow Award." This is a one-time award given out by me. I'm suspicious of its validity, however.

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TWO GENERATIONS, ONE BOND

What's the secret to a happy marriage? To find out, Metro asked a couple married for 50 years to speak with a couple who tied the knot on the weekend It's amazing how little has changed

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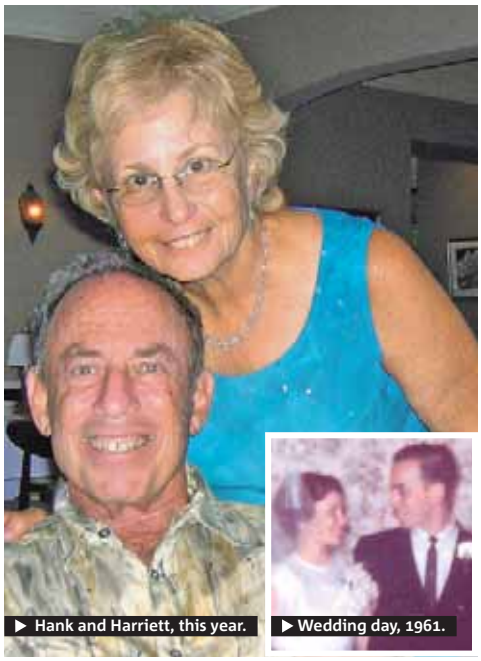
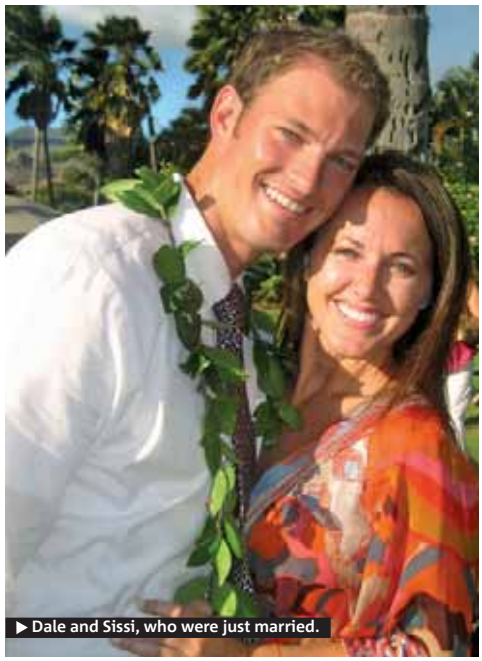
In The Happiness Project, when Gretchen Rubin solicited advice for her month dedicated to marriage, one of her friends offered that her grandparents, married 70 years, said the secret to a happy marriage is to enjoy an indoor game and an outdoor game together.

To get another perspective, we asked two couples — one married 50 years, one just married.



▶ Hank and Harriett, this year.

▶ Wedding day, 1961.



▶ Dale and Sissi, who were just married.

Our happy couples

MARRIED 50 YEARS

Harriet Fuld, 70, and Hank Fuld, 70, Swedesboro, New Jersey, USA
Married: June 11, 1961, Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A.

JUST MARRIED

Sissi Robinson, 29, and Dale Kasel, 29, Houston, Texas, USA
To be married: January 21, 2011, St Croix

Love at first sight for all of you?
Hank: I don't know if it was love at first sight, but it was attraction at first sight. It was at a fraternity party in college. We picked each other out.

Dale: We were out with mutual friends. And as a traditional southern girl, Sissi wouldn't give me her number.

What led to the decision to marry?
Harriet: What were we thinking? I don't know what we were thinking. We met on May 20, 1960, and were married June 11, 1961. There was no drawn out ... thing. If you wanted to be with someone, you got married. It was the mindset of that time.

Did you have certain expectations of what your marriage would be like?
Hank: Our aspirations were very traditional. We wanted to have a family and we wanted to grow together. I don't think we planned for 50 years or even five years down the road at that point.

> **"Even my 96-year-old grandmother could tell it was right. We'd go visit her and she'd say, 'Well, I can just tell.' It was just that feeling that you couldn't be without somebody."**
> SISSI ROBINSON

Why bother with the whole marriage thing? Why not just be together?
Dale: From a guy's perspective, I can connect with that a little bit. I think it's more for the girl: Getting married shows commitment. It's a promise. And if you're gonna be together, why not throw a good party.

Sissi: For me, it's that the tradition of marriage means a lot. Having that symbolically is more important than just being with somebody.

Hank and Harriet, did your ideas about marriage hold true over half a century?
Harriet: They did hold true. We wanted to be with one another, to raise a family and to help each other grow. I think we fulfilled that.

Did you ever worry, with all that growing, that you'd grow apart?
Hank: We've grown together and separately. We encourage each other in pursuits that the other one is not skilled or not interested in.

Harriet: Yeah. Over 50 years, you're going to change a lot. You need a partner who's going to encourage that.

Hank: For example: Harriet has become a professional artist — she's a sculptor. I can't chisel a piece of rock and get a flower or what have you, but I'm interested, and I encourage her.

Hank and Harriet, what was your most trying time?
Harriet: When Hank was first given the opportunity to go overseas for work, it was to Switzerland for five years. So we sold our house and moved to Switzerland with everything we had. I had to learn French, the kids were only in kindergarten and first grade ... it was really very difficult. And then, within six months, Hank was asked to go to Australia and next thing you know, we're packing up to move there. Years later, on the plane back from Australia, I made Hank sign a written contract that said we would never, ever pack up and move again. I think I still have it.

So, that's compromise right there. Do you have any other important rules?
Dale: We turn the TV off when we eat dinner.

Sissi: Yes, and we always sit at the dining table.

Hank: Funny you should say that — we have that rule, too. We like to know what each other has done that day.

Dale: Unless there's a football game on.

Hank: Oh yeah, for a playoff game we make a compromise: TV on, but no sound.

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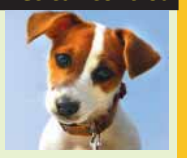

Experts say having an unrestrained dog in the car can be deadly.

Tens of thousands of car accidents are believed to be caused every year by unrestrained pets, though no one has solid numbers.

The issue is drawing attention. Hawaii is the only state that specifically forbids drivers from operating a vehicle with a pet on their lap. But Oregon lawmakers are considering fining drivers who hold their pets behind the wheel.

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Slow-cooked and tender, too

This pulled pork sandwich is created by cooking the meat on low heat in a tangy sauce and serving on an onion bun

Pork slowly cooked in a tangy sauce until it pulls apart is a perfect dish to serve at lunch or dinner.

The long-cook method helps weaken the connective tissue in the meat, which allows the pork to be pulled or easily broken down into small pieces.

Preparation:

1. Place onions on bottom of slow cooker. Place pork on top. Sprinkle apples over top and down sides.
2. Sauce: In a large bowl, mix together chili sauce, mustard, honey, chili powder, tomato paste, Worcestershire sauce, sugar, paprika and garlic; pour over meat and apples. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 7 hours.
3. Remove roast to large plate. Using 2 forks in opposite directions, shred meat along its length. Stir meat back into sauce and serve on buns.

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Ingredients:

Slow Cooked Pork
- 500 ml (2 cups) thinly sliced onions
- 1.5 kg (3 lb) pork loin roast
- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped, peeled apples
- 8 large onion buns

Sauce
- 1 bottle (455 ml) chili sauce
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) each grainy mustard and liquid honey
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chili powder
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) each tomato paste and Worcestershire sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) packed brown sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) smoked paprika (or 10 ml/2 tsp regular paprika)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced

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▶ This pulled pork sandwich is slow-cooked for six to seven hours.

Sing the Lake Baikal blues: How long can it stay clean?

Lake Baikal, the world's deepest lake, is renowned for its enchantingly blue water and surrounding landscape But pollutants from a Soviet-era factory threaten to destroy that beauty Reporting from Russia's big lake

ALYONA BOBROVICH
METRO WORLD NEWS

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▶ The sign reads, "Keep Baikal clean." Will it be like that in years to come?

Lake Baikal, the world's oldest and deepest lake, is famous for its pristine, enchantingly blue colour; locals call it the "Pearl" and "Blue Eye" of Siberia.

Yet the serene beauty of the lake is under threat.

A Soviet-era paper plant at its southern tip still pollutes the lake, ecologists say — the source of 96 percent of the lake's pollutants.

The Baikal Pulp and Paper Mill was built 44 years ago, at the height of Soviet industrialism when "mono-towns," communities built around a single factory, dotted the vast landscape.

But since then, the plant, which transforms wood into rolls of cardboard, has been wreaking havoc upon Baikal's ecosystem, says Andrei Margulev, a coordinator for a union of non-governmental ecological groups.

"Two years ago, they shut down this plant. Then Prime Minister Vladimir Putin had it reopened. To make this plant eco-friendly is simply impossible," the ecologist says.

Environmentalists reckon that every year the paper mill dumps millions of cubic meters of industrial waste into Baikal, and the pollution area will increase.

The plant in the town of Baikalsk is not the only culprit.

Located near Baikal's eastern banks, Ulan-Ude, (the capital city of the Russian region of Buryatia), as of 2007 dumped some 37 million cubic metres of wastewater into the river Selenga which runs into the lake.

Last summer, scientists carried out extensive first-time work in the waters near the Baikal Pulp and Paper Mill to measure its effects of life in and around the lake.

"After diving in submersibles near the plant's drainpipe, we discovered that traces of emissions were visible," Igor Khanaev, a senior biologist at the Limnological Institute in Irkutsk, told Metro.

"We also found that the number of fish and crustaceans was much less than in other locations of the lake."

Scientists say Baikal's cleanliness is due to epischura baikalensis, a species of small crustaceans endemic to the lake, which breaks down natural impurities in the water, whose numbers decrease year by year.

To ignore this situation could mean that 10 years from now, Lake Baikal will no longer have that enchantingly blue colour.

Facts about Baikal

- The world's oldest and deepest lake (25 million years old; 1,642 m) is located in south-east Siberia, Russia.
- The most voluminous freshwater lake in the world, with an average depth of 744.4 m – contains 20 per cent of Earth's unfrozen fresh water, roughly 23,000 cubic kms.
- Its area is 31,722 sq. kms – 636 kms long and 79 kms wide.
- Baikal hosts between 1,500 & 1,800 animal species at different depths, most of which are endemic to Baikal.
- Also known as the "Pearl of Siberia" or the "Sacred Sea," Baikal became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996.

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ARE YOUR BAGS LEAD HEAVY?

Queen of Green

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Recently in the news, I heard that lead was found in many reusable cloth bags. I'm all for using fewer plastic shopping bags, but how do I know if any of the bags I own contain lead?
Pete of Halifax, N.S.

High levels of lead have shown up in many reusable totes and grocery bags. To find out if the bags you own contain lead, contact the manufacturer. Some companies have gone so far as to issue recalls.

For example, you can read more about the Sears recall on Health Canada's Consumer Product Safety website at hc-sc.gc.ca.

Health Canada suggests that consumers immediately discontinue use of a particular style of bag, and Sears Canada is offering a refund to those who return their bags to their nearest Sears department store.

Similarly, Lululemon Athletica is concerned about a few of its bags when it comes to "disposal issues related to the environment due to the ink lead content."

If you've received one of Lululemon's free bags over the past year, you can return it to any store location.

Of course, you're not going to eat the bag, but for your next purchase, ask the retailer if its bags are printed using soy — or vegetable-based inks.

As with lead sometimes found in lipstick and kids' toys, lead makes an appearance in the pigment or paint on reusable bags.

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You, raise me up, please

2.8 per cent is the Conference Board of Canada's forecasted raise for 2011 Have you asked for yours yet?

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Many Canadians started the new year with a resolution to ask for a raise, so Metro Canada talked to a workplace expert and an award-winning boss about the best strategy for getting a "yes."

Eddie Lemoine, a Halifax-based international speaker specializing in workplace issues, says employees should make an appointment specifically to discuss a raise. Prepare for it by gaining an idea of what others in your field are earning. Timing is important, too.

"If it's private sector, you want to approach people after a profitable quarter," Lemoine said.

"If it's public sector, you don't want to approach people when there are things in the media about public sector being overpaid, or expense scandals."

Lemoine says the third important factor is to approach your boss after you've enjoyed a period of personal workplace success.

"You should have something good to talk about when you go in," he says.

Be prepared for things to not go according to your plan and don't get that "scared look" on your face if it looks like you won't get the raise you're seeking.

Be confident that you bring value to the table as an employee and your boss should recognize that, he says.

You might get more vacation time or nifty perks like a smartphone.

"Never use an ultimatum," he says. "Even if you get the raise, there will be a level of resentment."

Instead, just be prepared to move on if it's that dire.

Bruce MacLellan is president of Environics Communications, a Toronto-based company named Canada's best place to work in 2010's Great Place to Work Canada survey. He says asking for a raise should be part of a thought-out career plan.

"People need to have figured themselves out enough to know how they are viewed by others, including their bosses, and what are their strengths and weaknesses," he says.

"If you're out of touch with how people perceive you, you're not likely to have a successful request for a salary increase."

He urges people to make sure the request is grounded in the company's priorities, not just your own.

Show how you're doing your job well and thus benefiting the company, and how you will improve your performance in the future. "Any sense of entitlement is dangerous," he says.

Ask around

- It's important to know what your job is generally worth to get the right raise. Start by asking colleagues for a ballpark figure on their salaries or asking the human resources department what the job is valued at. You can also check out websites like payscale.com.

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Wishing and hoping ain't gonna make that moola materialize. Figure out the best way to ask for a raise, and go for it.

TTC Public Meetings on Proposed Route Changes

Proposed route changes being considered for implementation in May 2011 would reallocate service, during some times of the week, from bus routes which have low ridership. For a list of proposed route changes go to www.ttc.ca. These changes are required to free up resources to increase service on routes where it is needed most due to record-level ridership.

Four public meetings will be held to provide information on the routes which are proposed for reallocation and alternatives to those routes, and to obtain feedback from customers:

- **Monday, January 24, 2011**, 7:00pm to 9:00pm - **Metro Hall**, Room 308/309, 55 John Street at King Street; direct access from St Andrew Station.
- **Tuesday, January 25, 2011**, 7:00pm to 9:00pm - **North York Central Library**, Memorial Hall, 5120 Yonge Street; direct access from North York Centre Station.
- **Wednesday, January 26, 2011**, 7:00pm to 9:00pm - **Scarborough Civic Centre**, Rotunda, 150 Borough Drive; direct access from Scarborough Centre Station.
- **Thursday, January 27, 2011**, 7:00pm to 9:00pm - **Elmbank Community Centre**, lower level, 10 Rampart Road (south east corner of Finch Avenue and Martin Grove Road); access from 36 Finch West, 46 Martin Grove, and 191 Highway 27 Rocket bus routes.

For those unable to attend any of these meetings, but wish to provide comment, go to www.servicefeedback.ttc.ca. The public can also call the TTC at 416-393-3030, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm, or can contact their City Councillor.

Turning Point

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PUT IT IN PRINT

The company began as an idea on a crumpled up cocktail napkin and was born in the basement of a Calgary home. Now Print Audit is a multi-million dollar business with offices in seven countries around the world. It's the brain child of John MacInnes an entrepreneur who caught the business bug early in life.

MacInnes' turning point came when he was 10 years old and was told he couldn't have a raise in his allowance.

"Dad showed me there were lots of ways to make money on your own." While his friends enjoyed their summers, John was running small businesses selling used books, washing windows and painting houses.

Fast forward 15 years later to the Christmas party and the crumpled up cocktail napkin. MacInnes took the idea and started Print Audit, a company that significantly lowers the cost and impact of printing from a computer. "Fortune 500 companies use us … we're on one million desktops around the world."

A Canadian success story that's good for the environment? John MacInnes' father would be proud.

MacInnes Musings

- Find mentors and advisors. Save yourself some time by speaking with people who have been there.
- Get a customer. As soon as someone is willing to give you their money you have a company.
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▶ John MacInnes, President and CEO of Print Audit.

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A school of second chances

Beacon in a storm: Wayward students get one more shot on Beaver Island

This school isn't a place you end up by accident.

A small propeller plane flight or a two-hour ferry ride into the northern reaches of Lake Michigan gets you as far as St. James, the northern hub of Beaver Island. But it takes another half-hour by car, down bumpy gravel roads, to get to the south tip of the island and the small cluster of classroom buildings and log cabins, shadowed by the historic lighthouse for which this secluded alternative high school is named.

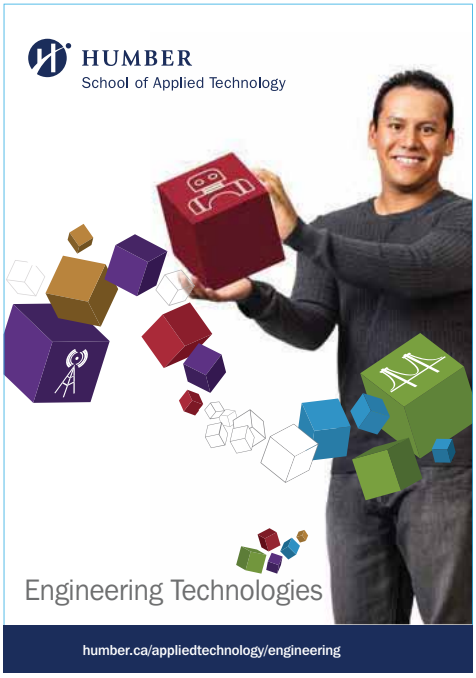
"What the hell have I gotten myself into?" That's exactly what 18-year-old Katie Daugherty thought as she arrived at the Beaver Island Lighthouse School last September.

She was scared, felt sick to her stomach. She hardly talked to anyone.

It is a common response for newbies, as the students who've already been at the school a semester or two call the newcomers. All of them are here because they've either dropped out of traditional high school, or are at risk of doing so.

This is, however, no boot camp, no forced existence. These students come to the school by choice, and they decide whether to stay.

For many, it is a last chance to get a diploma, to wipe the slate clean and move beyond past mistakes. Some are trying to escape family problems or friends who are a bad influence. Some have been kicked out of home. Others, for whatever reason, simply haven't been able to make it in the usual school setting.



Daugherty was living with friends, shifting from place to place, when a youth counsellor came across her case.

Torn up by her parents' divorce, and her father's remarriage, she had dropped out of school just months from graduation. She'd lost confidence, she says, hidden herself from the world - all but given up, really.

But now there was this place, and this chance.

"I wanted to prove to myself that I was worthy of it," Daugherty said, "that I could accomplish something very big."

Something very big in a very small place, where the surroundings and close living quarters in those log cabins make it impossible for just about anyone to close themselves off for too long. That's the hope, anyway.

This journey far off the beaten path might, indeed, change the course of the lives of the young people who dared to come here.

"But first," says Steve Finch, the school's site supervisor, "they have to trust us."

One of the first people they meet is Finch, a gentle giant of a man who never imagined he'd be here.

A few years back, he was working in sales, travelling the country. Then his own son, who was struggling at school, came here and graduated in 2004. Finch then spent time working with the school's summer construction camps and came to a realization.

"I figured I could end my life having sold a bunch of stuff, or I could help change some lives," he says. So he quit his sales job and took his current position.

▶ Beaver Island Lighthouse School valedictorian Katie Daugherty participates with fellow students at the school's graduation ceremony.

Tech? No.

The students of Beaver Island Lighthouse School aren't allowed to have cellphones, and even if they did, most don't work there, anyway. They have to use a community land line to make occasional calls home. They have computer time, and access to social networking sites and email.

When he arrived, the school had more of a lockdown atmosphere. That caused conflict between the students and Finch's tiny staff, which includes four teachers who live in the cabins with the students.

Finch decided to compromise on some things: He gave the students a bit of free time after meals, and told them that while they had to stay on campus, they didn't have to ask to go to the bathroom or to their cabins.

"It's my belief that if we treat them like derelicts, they're going to act like derelicts," says Finch, who immediately noted a shift in student behaviour.

"It didn't make things perfect, but it eased tension a lot."

So did spelling out the rules. "You need to be where you need to be. You need to do your schoolwork. You need to respect the staff and each other."

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Going back to the books

Think it's too late to learn again? It might be the perfect time to try

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A few years out in the real world may be the perfect recipe for back-to-school success.

Students that re-matriculate to an undergrad program after years in the real world often think of their story as outside the norm. But according to the U.S. Department of Education, only about 35 per cent of students graduate in four years, and only 56 per cent finish in six.

The long haul is more common these days, and the wisdom gained from those who did make it back — to graduation, and beyond — is more valuable than ever.

"I see a lot of young people who drop out or fail out because they can't ask for help. Just admitting shortcomings and seeking help is not a part of their success framework," says Hassan Davis, who failed out of Berea College twice before graduating as the student body president in 1992.

Since then, Davis obtained a law degree from the University of Kentucky and has received fellowships from the PEW and Rockefeller foundations. "I think it's important to share your dream. As soon as you do that, you'd be surprised who steps up to help you make that happen," he says.

After 40 years in the workforce, Jerry Spright graduated from Colorado State-Pueblo in 2010. "The consequences of not having a formal education were enormous," he says.

He is now just four credits from a master's degree. "The toughest part was convincing myself it was indeed a doable thing."

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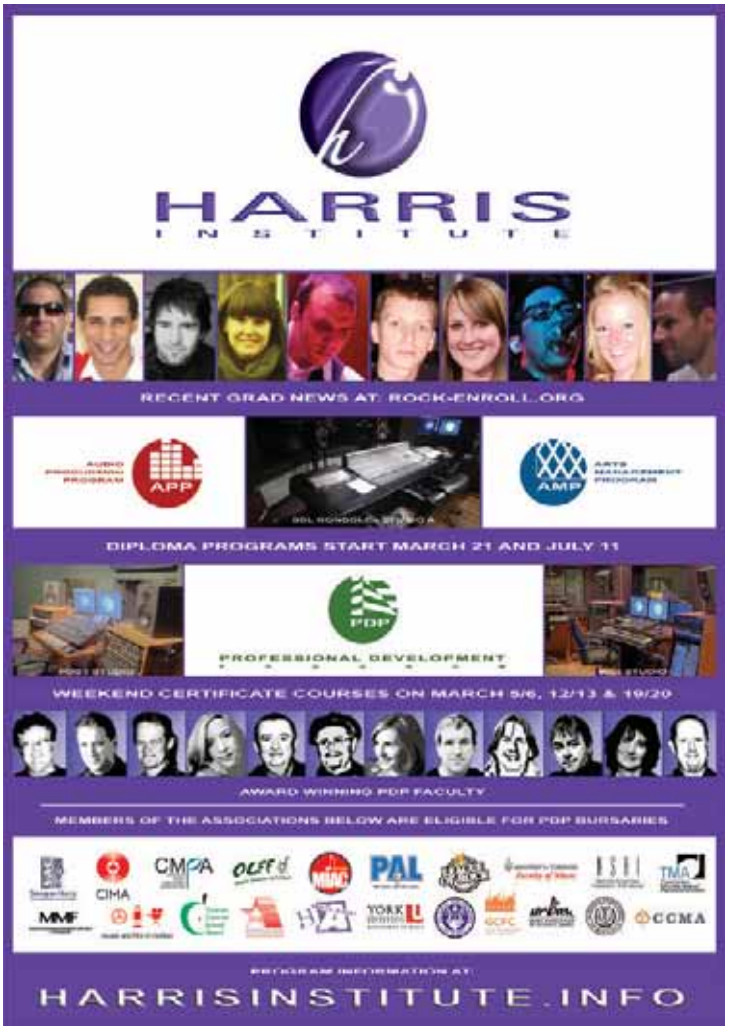

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The big stage has been set

Green Bay wins NFC, will meet Steelers in Super Bowl ◗ Bears rally with third-string QB after losing Cutler, but late interceptions end comeback bid

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▶ Green Bay Packers Sam Shields intercepts the game's final pass yesterday and runs for 32 yards to seal a 21-14 victory for the Packers against the Chicago Bears in the NFC championship game.

Aaron Rodgers ran for a touchdown and made a saving tackle, B.J. Raji returned an interception for a score and Sam Shields had two interceptions to lead the Green Bay Packers to a 21-14 win over the Chicago Bears in the NFC championship game yesterday.

The victory sends the Packers (13-6) to the Super Bowl in Dallas Feb. 6 to meet the Pittsburgh Steelers, who won the AFC title game 24-19 against the New York Jets last night.

21	14
PACKERS	BEARS

Raji's TD return in the final quarter put the Packers up 21-7. Third-string quarterback Caleb Hanie led two fourth-quarter TD drives, but Chicago's last chance to tie the game ended in the final minute when Shields came up with his second interception in Packers' territory.

Bears starter Jay Cutler hurt his knee and played only one series in the third quarter. Todd Collins replaced him but was ineffective.

The Packers have now won playoff road games in Philadelphia, Atlanta and Chicago this season.

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It's been a while

The Packers and Bears met only one other time in the post-season, a 33-14 win by Chicago in 1941.

- **After splitting** two regular-season games — the Packers beat the Bears 10-3 in the finale just to get in — the hype for this matchup overflowed all week.
- **Green Bay** got into the playoffs as the sixth seed.

Steelers ground the Jets

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STEELERS	JETS

The Pittsburgh Steelers found a fitting way to shut down the New York Jets' season.

What started with Hard Knocks, ended with hard knocks, too.

For the third time in six seasons, Terrible Towels will twirl at the Super Bowl. The Steelers silenced Rex Ryan's wild bunch with a fumble return for a touchdown and a goal-line stand in a 24-19 victory for the AFC championship last night. They will face Green Bay in Dallas in two weeks.

Look out Big D, here comes another Big D — in black and gold, and with an unmatched history of carrying off the Lombardi Trophy.

You can bet that unit led by James Harrison, which shut down the Jets' comeback in the fourth quarter, will test Aaron Rodgers. That overwhelming defence set the tone for most of a frigid night at Heinz Field to end the Jets' stunning post-season run.

Ryan slammed down his headset when Antonio Brown, also a hero last week, caught a pass for a first down that allowed Pittsburgh to hang on and run out the clock.

The Steelers ended the Jets' season with a dominant first half for a 24-3 edge.

And now the Steelers (14-4) will challenge the Packers' defence with a versatile attack led by running back Rashard Mendenhall and quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

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"I hope fans celebrate Vernon's career. This is about making tough decisions for this organization and trading someone that's been a franchise leader in a lot of areas is not an easy decision to make."

BLUE JAYS GENERAL MANAGER ALEX ANTHOPOULOS, ON TRADING VERNON WELLS TO THE ANGELS FOR CATCHER MIKE NAPOLI AND OUTFIELDER JUAN RIVERA

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▶ Francesca Schiavone celebrates a point during her match against Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Schiavone wins a match that wouldn't end

- Battle with Kuznetsova went four hours 44 minutes
- First Australian Open quarter-final for Schiavone

One of the players was so exhausted she forgot who was serving. The other kept checking the ticking clock on centre court and thinking to herself, "Brava, Francesca!"

The clock finally stopped at four hours 44 minutes, when French Open champion Francesca Schiavone of Italy beat Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-4, 1-6, 16-14 in the fourth round at the Australian Open and set a record for the longest women's Grand Slam match in the Open era.

Exhausted but elated, Schiavone described the match as "fantastic!"

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The longest previous women's Grand Slam was at the Open last year when Barbora Zahlavova-Strycova beat Regina Kulikova in four hours 19 minutes.

Schiavone is 30, the age when many players are considering retirement. But she's on a roll, playing the best tennis of her career and creating new pieces of history as she ages.

She won the French Open last year at 29, becoming the first Italian to win a major and the oldest woman to win her first Grand Slam in four decades. She also became the oldest woman in 12 years to crack the top 10 for the first time.

With yesterday's win she set a new personal best, reaching her first Australian Open quarter-final in 11 tries. She has played in 42 consecutive Grand Slams.

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Nabokov a no-show for Isles

Evgeni Nabokov is staying away from the New York Islanders. The only question is whether that decision is permanent.

Either way, general manager Garth Snow isn't saying if he has been given that answer.

Nabokov failed to report to the Islanders yesterday, one day after he was claimed by New York off waivers from the Detroit Red Wings, who hoped to add the veteran goalie to their roster for the playoff drive.

The Islanders nabbed him to provide insurance to oft-injured goalie Rick DiPietro and young backups Nathan Lawson — who is out with a knee injury — and 20-year-old Kevin Poulin. The Islanders are far out of playoff contention, a likely reason why Nabokov would rather stay in California than join the struggling club.

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Woods falls to No. 3 in rankings

Tiger Woods is not even No. 2 in the golf rankings.

He has dropped to No. 3 after Martin Kaymer won in Abu Dhabi and overtook him for the No. 2 spot.

Lee Westwood is No. 1.

Kaymer had been third overall but advanced by winning the European Tour event by eight strokes in his first tournament this year.

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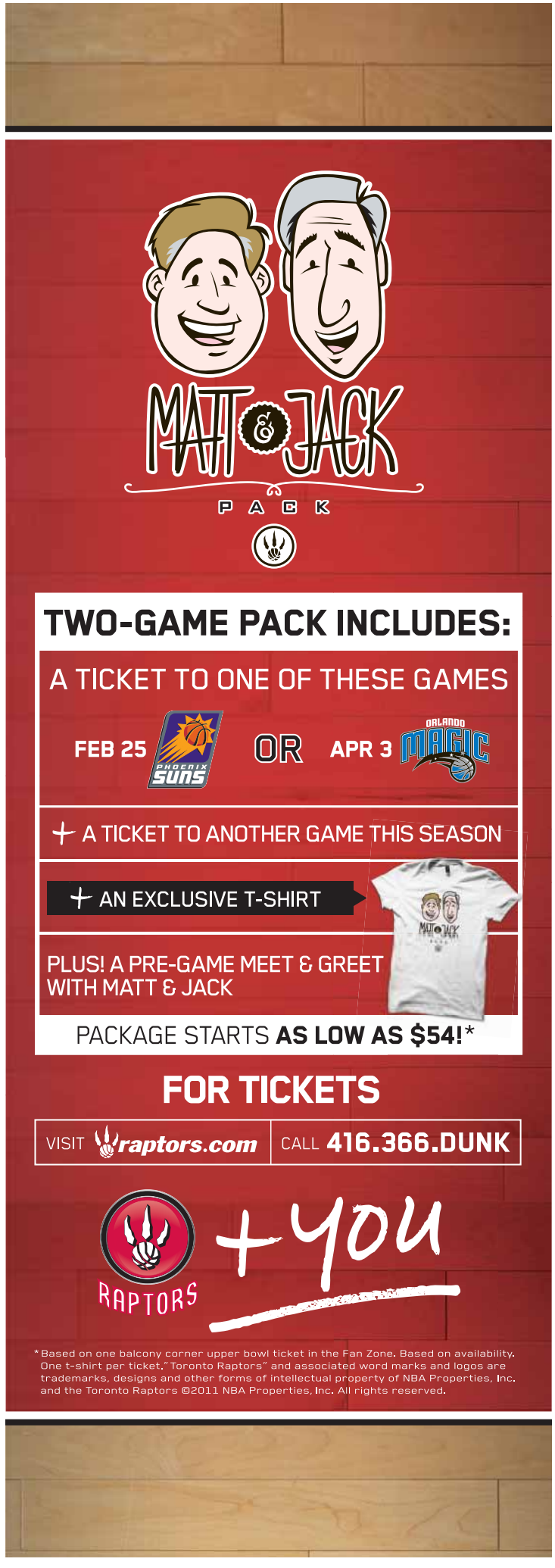
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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	49	32	12	2	3	169	128	69	15-7-0-2	17-5-2-1	8-2-0-0	W1
d-Tampa Bay	50	30	15	3	2	152	154	65	15-4-1-1	15-11-2-1	6-4-0-0	W4
d-Boston	48	27	14	2	5	150	109	61	12-9-1-2	15-5-1-3	6-3-1-0	W1
Pittsburgh	49	30	15	2	2	153	114	64	16-9-1-0	14-6-1-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Washington	49	27	14	5	3	139	126	62	16-5-2-3	11-9-3-0	5-2-3-0	W2
Montreal	49	27	17	4	1	128	118	59	16-6-3-1	11-11-1-0	6-1-2-1	L1
NY Rangers	50	28	19	2	1	143	121	59	12-10-1-1	16-9-1-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Atlanta	51	23	19	3	6	151	166	55	11-9-1-4	12-10-2-2	2-5-1-2	L3
Carolina	48	23	19	2	4	143	149	52	12-8-1-1	11-11-1-3	5-5-0-0	L1
Buffalo	48	22	21	5	0	134	142	49	11-12-1-0	11-9-4-0	6-3-1-0	W1
Florida	47	21	21	2	3	126	126	47	11-8-2-3	10-13-0-0	3-4-1-2	L4
Toronto	47	19	23	2	3	120	145	43	10-11-2-2	9-12-0-1	5-4-0-1	L1
Ottawa	49	17	25	4	3	106	157	41	9-14-1-2	8-11-3-1	1-6-1-2	L5
NY Islanders	47	15	25	3	4	117	157	37	8-11-1-3	7-14-2-1	4-5-0-1	L1
New Jersey	48	16	29	2	1	100	143	35	9-13-1-1	7-16-0-0	6-3-1-0	W4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	48	29	10	4	5	156	119	67	15-3-1-4	14-7-3-1	5-2-1-2	L1
d-Detroit	48	29	13	4	2	163	142	64	14-6-3-1	15-7-1-1	5-4-0-1	L1
d-Dallas	48	29	14	1	4	143	129	63	15-6-1-3	14-8-0-1	7-2-0-1	L1
Nashville	47	26	15	4	2	129	112	58	11-4-3-2	15-11-1-0	8-2-0-0	W2
Anaheim	51	27	20	2	2	137	144	58	17-7-0-1	10-13-2-1	7-3-0-0	W1
Phoenix	49	24	16	6	3	141	139	57	10-8-3-2	14-8-3-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Chicago	49	26	19	2	2	155	135	56	16-12-0-0	10-7-2-2	6-3-0-1	L1
San Jose	49	25	19	4	1	142	137	55	12-10-2-1	13-9-2-0	4-6-0-0	W4
Colorado	48	24	18	6	0	155	157	54	13-10-3-0	11-8-3-0	4-5-1-0	L2
Minnesota	48	24	19	1	4	126	132	53	11-11-0-2	13-8-1-2	6-4-0-0	L1
St. Louis	47	22	18	3	4	126	138	51	15-9-1-2	7-9-2-2	2-6-1-1	L2
Los Angeles	48	25	22	1	0	138	122	51	15-9-1-0	10-13-0-0	3-7-0-0	W1
Columbus	48	23	20	3	2	128	149	51	12-10-0-1	11-10-3-1	3-5-1-1	W2
Calgary	49	22	21	2	4	137	150	50	12-9-0-1	9-12-2-4	4-3-1-2	W2
Edmonton	46	14	25	1	6	115	159	35	7-13-1-2	7-12-1-3	2-8-0-0	L4

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results
Buffalo 5 N.Y. Islanders 3
New Jersey 5 Florida 2
Philadelphia 4 Chicago 1
Tampa Bay 7 Atlanta 1
Nashville at Edmonton
Saturday's results
Calgary 4 Vancouver 3 (SO)
Anaheim 4 Montreal 3 (SO)
Washington 4 Toronto 1
Boston 6 Colorado 2
Chicago 4 Detroit 1
Columbus 5 St. Louis 2
Los Angeles 4 Phoenix 3
New Jersey 3 Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Rangers 3 Atlanta 2 (SO)
Pittsburgh 3 Carolina 2
San Jose 4 Minnesota 3
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Calgary, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Boston at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's result
Blackburn 2 West Bromwich Albion 0

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Queens Park Rangers 2 Coventry 1

FOUR NATIONS
ROUND ROBIN
At Beijing
Yesterday's results
U.S. 2 **Canada 1**
China 2 Sweden 1

WORLD CUP UNDER-20

QUALIFYING
South America
Group B
Yesterday's results
Brazil 1 Bolivia 1
Ecuador 1 Paraguay 0

FRANCE

FRENCH CUP
FIRST ROUND
Yesterday's results
Rennes 2 Vaulx-en-Velin 0

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA
Yesterday's results
Borussia Moenchengladbach 1 Bayer Leverkusen 3
Hoffenheim 2 St. Pauli 2

GREECE
Yesterday's results
Asteras 0 Olympiakos 1
Ergotelis 0 Aris 0
Kavala 3 Iraklis 0
Panionios 1 Panathinaikos 1
Panserraikos 0 Atromitos 1

ITALY

SERIE A
Yesterday's results
AC Milan 2 Cesena 0
Bari 0 Napoli 2
Bologna 3 Lazio 1
Chievo Verona 0 Genoa 0
Fiorentina 1 Lecce 1
Sampdoria 0 Juventus 0
Udinese 3 Inter Milan 1

SPAIN

LA LIGA
Yesterday's results
Almeria 3 Osasuna 2
Getafe 1 Espanyol 3
Real Madrid 1 Mallorca 0
Sporting Gijon 1 Atletico Madrid 0
Villarreal 2 Real Sociedad 1
Zaragoza 1 Deportivo La Coruna 0

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN
At Melbourne, Australia
Early Monday's results
WOMEN
Singles
Fourth Round
Petra Kvitova (25), Czech Republic, def. Flavia Pennetta (22), Italy, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Doubles
Third Round
Chuang Chia-jung and Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, def. Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, and Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-2.
MEN
Doubles
Third Round
Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (5), Poland, def. Colin Ebelthite and Adam Feeney, Australia, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.
LEGENDS
Doubles
Round Robin
Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, Australia, def. Guy Forget, France, and Mats Wilander, Sweden, 6-2, 2-6, 10-3 tiebreak.
BOYS
Singles — First Round
Roberto Carballes Baena (6), Spain, def. Patrick Ofner, Austria, 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.
Nikola Milojevic (13), Serbia, def. Wang Chieh-fu, Taiwan, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.
Mate Delic (14), Croatia, def. Andrew Mcleod, Australia, 6-3, 6-1.
Julian Lenz, Germany, def. Axel Alvarez Llamas, Spain, 6-1, 6-4.
Patrick Elias, Germany, def. Jack Schipanski, Australia, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Joey Swaysland, Australia, def. Darius Florin Bragusi, Romania, 6-3, 6-2.
GIRLS
Singles — First Round
Monica Puig (5), Puerto Rico, def. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, 6-1, 6-3.
Riza Ozaki, Japan, def. Nigina Abduraimova, Uzbekistan, 7-5, 6-2.
Sunday's results
MEN
Singles – Fourth Round
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Tommy Robredo, Spain, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, def. Nicolas Almagro (14), Spain, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0.
Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, def. Fernando Verdasco (9), Spain, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
Stanislas Wawrinka (19), Switzerland, def. Andy Roddick (8), U.S., 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Doubles — Third Round
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), U.S., def. Benjamin Becker and Michael Kohlmann, Germany, 7-5, 6-2.
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (2),** Toronto, def. Carsten Ball and Chris Guccione, Australia, 6-4, 7-5.
Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Oliver Marach (4), Austria, def. Daniele Bracciali and Potito Starace, Italy, 6-3, 6-1.
Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Philipp Petzschner (6), Germany, def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, and Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, 6-3, 6-2.
WOMEN
Singles — Fourth Round
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Anastasija Sevastova, Latvia, 6-3, 6-4.
Francesca Schiavone (6), Italy, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova (23), Russia, 6-4, 1-6, 16-14.
Li Na (9), China, def. Victoria Azarenka (8), Belarus, 6-3, 6-3.
Andrea Petkovic (30), Germany, def. Maria Sharapova (14), Russia, 6-2, 6-3.
Doubles — Third Round
Gisela Dulko, Argentina, and Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, and Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, 6-3, 6-2.
Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (2), Slovenia, def. Shahar Peer, Israel, and Peng Shuai (14), China, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Meghann Shaughnessy (9), U.S., def. Iveta Benesova and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (6), Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-3.
Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Uhlirova, Czech Republic, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, and Lisa Raymond (7), U.S., 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-4.
MIXED DOUBLES — First Round
Maria Kirilenko, Russia, and Nenad Zimonjic (3), Serbia, def. Yan Zi, China, and Rohan Bopanna, India, 7-6 (6), 6-1.
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, and Oliver Marach (8), Austria, def. Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, and Bernard Tomic, Australia, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Paul Hanley, Australia, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, and Michael Kohlmann, Germany, 6-2, 6-0.
Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, and Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Alicja Rosolska, Poland, and Jamie Murray, Britain, 6-3, 6-3.
LEGENDS DOUBLES — Round Robin
Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis, Netherlands, def. Guy Forget, France, and Mats Wilander, Sweden, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, Australia, def. Mansour Bahrami, Iran, and Cedric Pioline, France, 7-5, 7-6 (3).
Thomas Muster, Austria, and Mikael Pernfors, Sweden, def. Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, and Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia, 7-6 (7), 6-3.
JUNIORS
Boys
Singles — First Round
Jiri Vesely (1), Czech Republic, def. Evgeny Karlovskiy, Russia, 6-3, 6-3.
Karim Hossam, Egypt, def. Mate Pavic (3), Croatia, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
George Morgan (4), Britain, def. Thiago Moura Monteiro, Brazil, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Mitchell Krueger, U.S., def. Joris De Loore (5), Belgium, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4).
Stefan Lindmark, Sweden, def. Ben Wagland (7), Australia, 6-4, 6-4.
Jeson Patrombon (8), Philippines, def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Bruno Sant'Anna (9), Brazil, def. Alex Bolt, Australia, 1-6, 6-3, 10-8.
Andrew Whittington (10), Australia, def. Vasile-Alexandru Ghilea, Romania, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.
Ryota Kishi, Japan, def. Filip Horansky (11), Slovakia, 6-2, 5-7, 6-1.
Jaden Grinter, New Zealand, def. Dimitri Bretting (12), Switzerland, 6-3, 6-2.
Sean Berman (15), Australia, def. Karue Sell, Brazil, 6-2, 6-4.
Adrian Partl, Slovakia, def. Lukas Vrnak (16), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.
Thomas Szewczyk, France, def. Filip Peliwo, North Vancouver, B.C., 6-1, 6-1.
Dennis Novak, Austria, def. Nik Razborsek, Slovenia, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 6-2.
Andres Artunedo Martinavarr, Spain, def. Robin Kern, Germany, 7-5, 7-3.
Yaraslau Shyla, Belarus, def. Gao Xin, China, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-1.
Lucas Pouille, France, def. Maxim Dubarenco, Macedonia, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.
Matthias Wunner, Germany, def. Andrew Harris, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.
Miki Jankovic, Serbia, def. Wishaya Trongcharoenchaikul, Thailand, 6-0, 6-1.
Kim Jae Hwan, South Korea, def. Thanasi Kokkinakis, Australia, 6-4, 7-5.
Mark Richards, Australia, def. Oriol Roca Batalla, Spain, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Leonard Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Luis Patino, Mexico, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.
Nick Kyrgios, Australia, def. Vladimir Polyakov, Russia, 6-4, 6-4.
Mac Styslinger, U.S., def. Kyle Edmund, Britain, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

GOLF

PGA BOB HOPE CLASSIC
At La Quinta, Calif
Final round
(PGA West, Arnold Palmer Private Course, 6,950 yards; PGA West, Jack Nicklaus Private Course, 6,924 yards; La Quinta Country Club, 7,060 yards; s-SilverRock Resort, Palmer Course, 7,403 yards; final played only on Palmer Course; x—won on second playoff hole):

x-Jhonattan Vegas, $900,000	64-67-67-66-69—333
Bill Haas, $440,000	69-68-68-62-66—333
Gary Woodland, $440,000	65-69-64-66-69—333
Ryan Palmer, $240,000	67-71-65-67-64—334
Brian Gay, $190,000	69-69-66-70-62—336
Kevin Na, $190,000	69-67-68-65-67—336
Chris Couch, $150,625	67-65-69-70-66—337
Matt Kuchar, $150,625	66-70-67-66-68—337
Keegan Bradley, $150,625	66-67-68-66-70—337
Chris Kirk, $150,625	69-68-64-66-70—337
Greg Chalmers, $120,000	67-67-65-69-70—338
D.Summerhays, $120,000	69-66-68-64-71—338
Bill Lunde, $80,556	74-64-67-68-66—339
Derek Lamely, $80,556	63-73-72-64-67—339
Webb Simpson, $80,556	68-69-67-68-67—339
Justin Leonard, $80,556	69-71-64-68-67—339
Alex Cejka, $80,556	69-67-67-68-68—339
Brian Davis, $80,556	67-66-71-68-67—339
Jerry Kelly, $80,556	67-68-67-68-69—339
Charles Howell III, $80,556	66-66-70-67-70—339
Boo Weekley, $80,556	65-66-72-66-70—339
Michael Bradley, $52,000	68-69-67-67-69—340
Dean Wilson, $52,000	69-68-67-66-70—340
Martin Laird, $52,000	68-68-64-66-74—340
Vaughn Taylor, $39,875	71-66-69-68-67—341
Brendon de Jonge, $39,875	68-71-70-66-66—341
David Duval, $39,875	68-67-69-68-69—341
Zack Miller, $39,875	74-66-68-69-64—341
Matt Jones, $33,250	67-71-66-70-68—342
Jason Gore, $33,250	70-68-65-70-69—342
Kyle Stanley, $33,250	65-71-68-71-67—342
Shaun Micheel, $33,250	66-72-68-65-71—342
Steve Elkington, $24,778	68-69-67-69-70—343
Mark Calcavecchia, $24,778	69-69-69-68-68—343
Stephen Ames, $24,778	**69-68-68-68-70—343**

NFL

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Yesterday's results
(All times Eastern)
NFC
Green Bay 21 Chicago 14
AFC
Pittsburgh 24 N.Y. Jets 19

PRO BOWL
Sunday, Jan. 30
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m.

SUPER BOWL XLV
Sunday, Feb. 6
At Arlington, Texas
Pittsburgh (AFC) vs. Green Bay (NFC), 6:30 p.m.

PACKERS 21, BEARS 14

Green Bay	**7**	**7**	**0**	**7**	**—21**
Chicago	**0**	**0**	**0**	**14**	**—14**

First Quarter
GB—Rodgers 1 run (Crosby kick), 10:50.
Second Quarter
GB—Starks 4 run (Crosby kick), 11:13.
Third Quarter
No Scoring.
Fourth Quarter
Chi—Taylor 1 run (Gould kick), 12:02.
GB—Raji 18 interception return (Crosby kick), 6:04.
Chi—Bennett 35 pass from Hanie (Gould kick), 4:43.
Att. —62,377 at Chicago.

TEAM STATISTICS	**GB**	**Chi**
First downs	23	17
Total Net Yards	356	301
Rushes-yards	32-120	24-83
Passing	236	218
Punt Returns	3-13	4-38
Kickoff Returns	3-44	4-63
Interceptions Ret.	3-58	2-43
Comp-Att-Int	17-30-2	19-38-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	2-15
Punts	8-41.8	9-37.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	9-89
Time of Possession	34:04	25:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Green Bay, Starks 22-74, Rodgers 7-39, Jackson 2-5, Kuhn 1-2. Chicago, Forte 17-70, Cutler 2-10, Hanie 1-3, Taylor 3-2, Bennett 1-(minus 2).
PASSING—Green Bay, Rodgers 17-30-2-244. Chicago, Hanie 13-20-2-153, Cutler 6-14-1-80, Collins 0-4-0-0.
RECEIVING—Green Bay, Jennings 8-130, Nelson 4-67, Jackson 1-16, J.Jones 1-10, Driver 1-9, Kuhn 1-6, Starks 1-6. Chicago, Forte 10-90, Bennett 3-45, Olsen 3-30, Knox 2-56, Taylor 1-12.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	**4**	**3**	**1**	**.750**	**54**	**45**	**—**
Buffalo	3	2	1	.667	33	30	½
Rochester	3	2	1	.667	31	32	½
Boston	4	2	2	.500	34	28	1
Philadelphia	3	1	2	.333	23	29	1½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Minnesota	3	2	1	.667	35	27	—
Washington	4	2	2	.500	49	53	½
Calgary	4	2	2	.500	44	47	½
Colorado	3	1	2	.333	28	29	1
Edmonton	3	0	3	.000	22	32	2

WEEK THREE
Saturday's results
Buffalo 15 Toronto 14 (OT)
Minnesota 9 Edmonton 8
Washington 19 Calgary 14
Philadelphia 11 Colorado 10
Rochester 11 Boston 10 (OT)
Friday's results
Toronto 15 Boston 14 (OT)
WEEK FOUR
Friday, Jan. 28
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Boston at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	33	10	.767	—
d-Miami	31	13	.705	2½
d-Chicago	30	14	.682	3½
Orlando	29	15	.659	4½
Atlanta	29	16	.644	5
New York	22	21	.512	11
Philadelphia	18	25	.419	15
Charlotte	17	25	.405	15½
Indiana	16	24	.400	15½
Milwaukee	16	25	.390	16
Detroit	16	28	.364	17½
Washington	13	29	.310	19½
Toronto	13	31	.295	20½
New Jersey	12	32	.273	21½
Cleveland	8	35	.186	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	37	7	.841	—
d-L.A. Lakers	32	13	.711	5½
Dallas	28	15	.651	8½
d-Oklahoma City	28	15	.651	8½
New Orleans	29	16	.644	8½
Utah	27	17	.614	10
Denver	24	18	.571	12
Portland	25	20	.556	12½
Memphis	21	23	.477	16
Phoenix	20	22	.476	16
Houston	20	25	.444	17½
Golden State	19	24	.442	17½
L.A. Clippers	17	26	.395	19½
Minnesota	10	33	.233	26½
Sacramento	9	32	.220	26½

d-division leader
Last night's result
Indiana at Denver
Saturday's results
Atlanta 103 Charlotte 87
Dallas 87 New Jersey 86
Washington 85 Boston 83
Detroit 75 Phoenix 74
Miami 120 Toronto 103
Philadelphia 96 Utah 85
Chicago 92 Cleveland 79
New Orleans 96 San Antonio 72
Oklahoma City 101 New York 98
Orlando 118 Houston 104
Memphis 94 Milwaukee 81
Portland 97 Indiana 92
L.A. Clippers 113 Golden State 109
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Cleveland at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	39	365	305	1102	28.3
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Wade, MIA	41	357	279	1030	25.1
Bryant, LAL	45	396	273	1123	25.0
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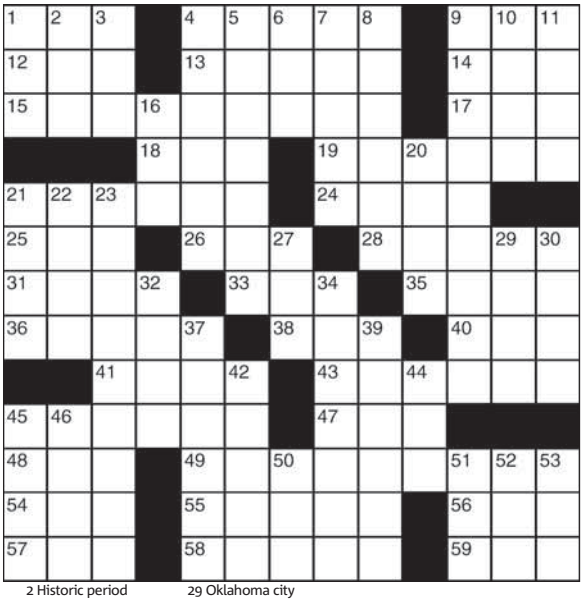

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1 Plead
4 Agriculturists' venues
9 Corn on the —
12 Rage
13 The Little Mermaid
14 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
15 Maryland metropolis
17 Steal from
18 Bobby of hockey fame
19 Wheeled stretcher
21 Royal home
24 Needle case
25 Swiss canton
26 Fashion monogram
28 Homes for bees
31 Transmit
33 Scottish cap
35 "—, Nanette"
36 Nonbeliever
38 Dallas basketballer, for short
40 Edge
41 Pc. of wordplay
43 Ebb
45 Go against
47 Judge Lance
48 Cow's comment
49 Navy rank
54 Blunder
55 Sun-dried brick
56 Fresh
57 Born
58 McEntire andothers
59 Adam's mate

Down

1 Clothes protector
2 Historic period
3 Hair goop
4 Without bias
5 Recliner part
6 — de Janeiro
7 Come together
8 Detective
9 Meat-eater
10 Reed instrument
11 Infant
16 Youngster
20 Destroy
21 Turning point
22 Vicinity
23 Asian city-state
27 Felon's flight
29 Oklahoma city
30 Not all
32 Soap actress Linda
34 Xylophone's cousin
37 Dale Earnhardt's org.
39 Kills bills
42 Crystal-lined rock
44 Massachusetts cape
45 Portent
46 Skin opening
50 Crowd
51 Individual
52 Gun the engine
53 Ram's partner

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	1	5				8		
			6	8				9
3					9			7
		2	7		8		6	
	7			9			3	
	5		2		4	1		
1			9					4
5				2	1			
		8				7	5	

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Yesterday's answer ▶

7	2	8	1	3	9	6	4	5
4	1	5	6	8	7	2	3	9
6	9	3	2	4	5	1	7	8
3	8	6	7	1	2	5	9	4
9	4	2	8	5	6	3	1	7
1	5	7	4	9	3	8	2	6
2	7	1	9	6	8	4	5	3
5	6	9	3	2	4	7	8	1
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 It's not like you to worry about things you cannot control, so why start now? Even if the worst does happen today it won't be anywhere near as bad as you fear.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You seem unable to make up your mind whether to go all out to achieve your ambitions in the world at large or to give up on them altogether and just take life as it comes.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Focus only on happy thoughts today and make sure that you avoid people whose negative attitude could spoil the mood. If they want to be miserable that's up to them, but you don't have to give misery company.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Something you fear, no doubt irrationally, is about to make a reappearance in your life, but that's good news because it will compel you to deal with the source of your fear once and for all.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You need to take a more even-handed approach to partnership issues. Not even a go-getting, livewire Leo can do it all on your own.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The cult of new is not always good. Sometimes the old way of doing things is best and because you have never been one to slavishly follow fashion you will, most likely, avoid the mistakes that others make today.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you take too negative a view of other people's motives today you could miss out on something worth having. Nothing will go wrong so long as you have the courage to take a few risks.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may be tempted to say something negative to a friend today but you are advised against it. Even if what you say is true you won't get any thanks for it.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Sometimes even a Sagittarius has to sit back and wait for things to happen and that is very much the message of the stars for you right now. Be patient.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If you are feeling a bit tongue-tied maybe you should take it as a sign that this is not the right time to speak up. If you say too much today you may have to unsay it again tomorrow.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you want to get the most out of the next 24 hours you must limit yourself to doing only those things that are truly important. Don't get distracted from your number one aim.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 The more others criticize you the more determined you will be to carry on with what you are doing. You may be a sensitive soul but deep down you have a core of steel.

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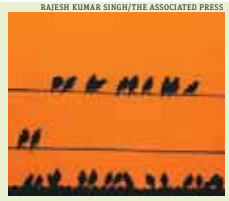

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